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We would like to thank Bonnie Elie for allowing us
to use her photo of Ned Hatfield and

John Immediato for allowing us to use his photo of
the deer taken in Ned and Pat's field.

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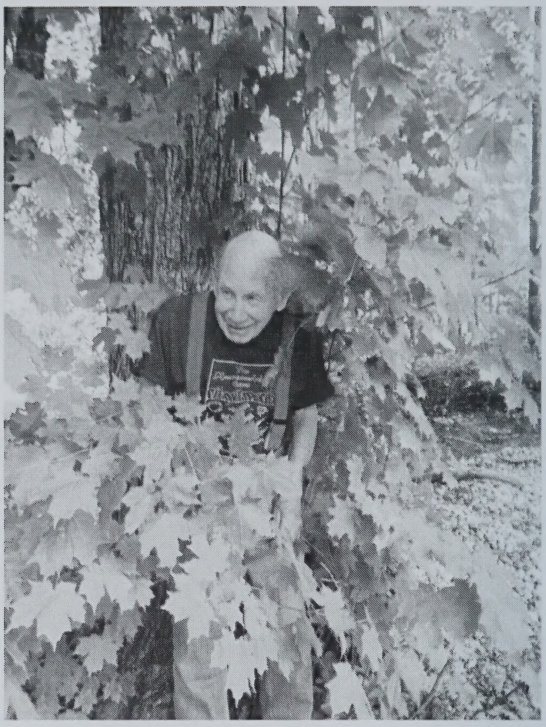

IN MEMORY

This year's town report is dedicated to and is in memory of Ned Hatfield.

Ned was the town's Zoning Officer when he passed away in July having held the position since 2005.

He was a compassionate and caring man which was evident when assisting the town's people. Although there were times in his position he had to say "no" it was one word that he didn't use very often. Ned would work tirelessly to assist those trying to improve their property and way of life here in town.

Always the teacher, one would take away from a meeting with him something new.

Ned had also served on the Planning Board and was Chairman when the first Master Plan was adopted by the town in 1987.

For those with the privilege of working with him he has left a "forever" mark.

Ned left an impression on everyone that he met and there is a void that none other will be able to fill.

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TOWN OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator: Donald G. Johnson, 2018

Selectmen
Neal Boyle, 2018
Ernest Day Jr, 2019
Leslie Babb, 2020 ***(C)***

Town Administrator
Karen Hatch

Administrative Assistant
Janice Zecher

Road Agent
Scott Brooks, 2019

Police Chief
Josh Shackford

Fire Chief/FF Warden
Justin Brooks

Emergency Management Directors
Kevin Wells

Safety Officer
Kelly McClare

Animal Control
Josh Shackford

Health Officer
Frank Evitts

Town Clerk
A. Elizabeth Priebe, 2019

Deputy Town Clerk
Abigail Hidden

Treasurer
Jayne Britton, 2019

Deputy Treasurer
Janice Zecher

Tax Collector
Annette Babb, 2020
Susan Hoople - Deputy

Supervisors of the Checklist
Carol Stansell, 2018
Patricia McCoy, 2020
Daniel Brooks, 2022

Cemetery Trustees
Dorothy Brooks, 2018
Janice Zecher, 2019
Alan Fall, 2020

Trustee of Trust Funds
Patricia McCoy, 2018
Anne Cunningham, 2019
Paul Olzerowicz, 2020

Transfer Station Manager
Justin Brooks

Town Buildings Custodian
Mark McKinley

Zoning Officer
Ned Hatfield (Jan-July)
Les Babb (July-Dec)

Building Inspector
Dave Senecal

Conservation Commission
John Roman, 2018 ***(C)***
Sarah Tabor, 2019
Cheryl Harris, 2019
JP McVitty, 2019
Paul Elie, 2020
Alice Custard, 2020
Frank Lalumiere, Alt 2018
Susan Hoople, Alt 2019

Town Forest Advisory Committee
Chuck Depew, 2018
Janet Meyers, 2018
Ron Newbury, 2019 ***(C)***
David Charrette, 2020
Kevin Connerton, Alt 2020
Neal Boyle, Sel. Rep.
Peter Park, PB Rep

Planning Board
Peter Park, 2018
Paul Elie 2018
Paul Olzerowicz, 2019
William Elliott, 2020
Dale McConkey, 2020
Anne Cunningham, 2019 ***(C)***
Les Babb, Sel. Rep.

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
Bruce Howlett, 2018
Gerard Constantino, 2019
Bill Elliott, 2019
Jim McElroy, 2020 **(C)**
Ned Kucera, 2020

Library Trustees
Laura Robinson, 2018
Chuck Brooks, 2019
Paul Mathieu, 2020

Heritage Commission
Alan Fall, 2018 ***(C)***
Bonnie Burroughs, 2018
Scott Cunningham, 2018
Gale Morris, 2019
Peg Scully, 2020
Robert Smart, 2020
Raymond Dahlstrom, Alt 2018
Phil Griffin Alt, 2019
Maureen Elliott Alt, 2019
Lee Fritz, Alt 2020
Ernest Day, Jr., Sel. Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Craig Niiler, 2018
John Krebs, 2018
Karl Ogren, 2019
Jacob Stephan, 2019
Scott Lees, 2020 ***(C)***
John Quigley, Alt 2018
Timothy Cupka, Alt 2018
Dennis Anderson, Alt 2019

(C) - Chair

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FOREST ADVISORYCOMMITTEE

The Forest Advisory Board will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 3	May 2	October 3
February 7	June 6	November 7
March 7	August 1	December 5
April 4	September 5	

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

The Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 11	June 14	October 11
March 8	July 12	November 8
April 12	August 9	December 13
May 10	September 13	

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Freedom Conservation Commission will meet on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 16	May 15	September 18
February 20	June 19	October 16
March 20	July 17	November 20
April 17	August 21	December 18

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FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Freedom Heritage Commission will meet on the following dates at 6:00 pm at the Freedom Church.

January 11
April 12
June 14
September 13
November 8

FREEDOM PLANNING BOARD

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Planning Board are held on the third Thursday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	**Regular Planning Board Meeting**
December 29, 2017	January 18
January 25	February 15
February 22	March 15
March 29	April 19
April 26	May 17
May 31	June 21
June 28	July 19
July 26	August 16
August 30	September 20
September 27	October 18
October 25	November 15
November 29	December 20

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FREEDOM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Zoning Board of Adjustments are held on the fourth Tuesday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	**Regular ZBA Meeting**
January 8	January 23
February 12	February 27
March 12	March 27
April 9	April 24
May 7	May 22
June 11	June 26
July 9	July 24
August 13	August 28
September 10	September 25
October 9	October 23
November 12	November 27
December 10	December 26

RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, standup, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

TOWN OF FREEDOM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

AND

TOWN MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

This year the election of town and school officers was held on Tuesday and Town Meeting was held on Saturday.

Please note that balloting took place as scheduled and posted and by statute during the 'storm of the century' nor'easter that occurred this date, causing many towns to delay and re-schedule amidst storm closures and conflicting advice provided by various state agencies. Based on advice received the NH Secretary of State and the Attorney General's Office, many towns, including Freedom, kept to the posted schedule.

166 ballots cast for this election, with 1153 voters on the checklist at the beginning of the day, one new voter registering during the day, totaling 1154 at day's end, for a 13% +/- voter turn-out; (b) the election results are included herein and (c) a write-in candidate must have received a minimum of five (5) votes to be included or have been declared the winner with less than five (5) votes:

TOWN WARRANT 2017 – MINUTES [ABRIDGED]

The Moderator, Don Johnson, opened Town Meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Rules of Procedure and directed the meeting to Page 5 in this year's Town Report and how to use "Point of Order".

Mr. Johnson introduced himself, then the election officials seated on the stage: Libby, Priebe, Town Clerk, John Ratigan, Town Counsel, Les Babb, Neal Boyle and Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen. He then introduced election workers Beth Earle, Chuck Brooks and Jean Magnussen, Deputy Town Clerk, then the Supervisors of the Checklist: Daniel (Bud) Brooks, Pat McCoy and Carol Stansell - who were located at the back of the room, checking people in as they entered the meeting room, using the voter checklist, and providing the voting cards.

Mr. Johnson noted that the Town Report this year had been dedicated to three people celebrating varying milestones as members of the Freedom Volunteer Fire Department. He introduced them to the meeting by having them stand, thanking them for their service:

Fire/Rescue: Cubby (Justin) Brooks - 30 years

Firefighter: Dusty (George) Boewe - 38 years

Firefighter: Scott Brooks, Sr. - 40 years

Mr. Johnson also called to the meeting's attention to the dedication in the town report to Elizabeth ("Betty") Godfrey, a long time Freedom resident who had served in many capacities within the town and was always a participant in town meetings.

Mr. Johnson then asked for a moment of silence in recognition of those we have lost, including Frank Meserve, Jr., Wendell Brooks, and Howard Bouve - all Freedom residents who had served the town in many capacities over the years, representing a significant loss to the Town.

After the moment of silence, Mr. Johnson led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Johnson then turned the meeting over to Selectman Les Babb - who thanked the townspeople for his re-election and explained how hard the selectmen work to keep the tax rate as low as possible. Mr. Babb also told that over his fifteen years in office, the Board of Selectmen had been able to build a fund balance to reduce the amounts to be borrowed, also having established twice a year billing for the payment of real estate taxes, which stopped the need to borrow money to pay bills. The Selectmen face the challenge of trying to keep the tax rate low but meet budget demands. The municipal tax rate is the only portion the town has total control over - this year $4.35. They also have to deal with the County, School and Education tax rates. He also noted that the Board of Selectmen have replaced items as needed, rather than replacing them on a given schedule, using as an example the 1963 York rake that still works fine and is still being used.

Mr. Johnson proceeded with the reading of the Warrant:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom, in the County of Carroll, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Freedom, on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2017 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon Articles 1 through 3, which shall be voting by official ballot for the election of Town officers and zoning amendments. The polls shall be open from 9:00 a.m. and shall close at 7 p.m., unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7 p.m. [Note: due to the storm - the ballots were counted the next night.]

The business meeting to present, discuss, and act upon Articles 4 through 23 will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 at the Freedom Town Hall.

Mr. Johnson advised the meeting that the Freedom School District had raised and appropriated the total sum of $4,218,760.00 at their Annual Meeting held at the Freedom Elementary School on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot):
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. Johnson announced the election results, as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS:

Selectman, three years:	Leslie R. Babb	139 votes

Leslie R. Babb declared the winner.

Tax Collector, three years:	Annette M. Babb	142 votes

Annette M. Babb declared the winner.

Trustee of the Trust Funds, three years:	Paul J. Olzerowicz	150 votes

Paul J. Olzerowicz declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee, three years:	Alan G. Fall	151 votes

Alan G. Fall declared the winner.

Planning Board, three years - vote for two:	William H. Elliott, Jr.	139 votes
	Dale E. McConkey	119 votes

William H. Elliott, Jr. and Dale E. McConkey declared the winners.

Planning Board, two years:	Paul J. Olzerowicz	146 votes

Paul J. Olzerowicz declared the winner.

Library Trustee, three years:	Paul Mathieu	35 votes
	Jacob McConkey	6 votes

Paul Mathieu - a write in candidate - was declared the winner.

SCHOOL OFFICERS:

School District Moderator, one year:	Donald G. Johnson	152 votes

Donald G. Johnson declared the winner.

School Board Members, three years - vote for two:	Annie-Rae Marques	150 votes
	Nancy Bossi	40 votes

Annie-Rae Marques and Nancy Bossi - a write-in candidate - were declared the winners.

School Board Member, Two years:	Gail Bizer	156 votes

Gail Bizer declared the winner.

School District Auditor, One year:	Scott Cunningham	19 votes

Scott Cunningham, a write-in candidate, was declared the winner.

School District Clerk, one year:	Dianne M. Park	151 votes

Dianne M. Park declared the winner.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot):
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article 904 to remove sections 904.3.3 and 904.4.2, which restrict accessory dwelling units to one bedroom. Add a new section 904.3.3 to require a door (which is not required to be unlocked) between accessory dwelling units that are attached to the primary dwelling. Freedom's zoning ordinance already has provisions for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), but the current ordinance does not comply with all requirements of a new state law, SB 146. This ballot question asks voters to approve two changes required by the law to bring Freedom's regulations into compliance with the new state rules. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

VOTE: YES 125 NO 30

ARTICLE 2 PASSES.

Article 3: (To vote by Official Ballot):
Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Add sections 304.6.6.3 to the zoning ordinance to specify how trees can be removed in the shorefront to control storm water run-

off to better protect water quality? The planning board is proposing this to protect the water quality of Freedom's lakes and rivers. While there are state regulations regarding the removal of trees along the water, this amendment will allow the town to enforce these rules (rather than rely on the state to do it).

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

VOTE: YES 115 NO 40

ARTICLE 3 PASSES.

Article 4:
Shall the Town of Freedom vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be $250.00 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Freedom under RSA 72:28.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Marty Perreault

Mr. Babb spoke to the Article, noting legislation had been passed on August 8, 2016, allowing this change and it is good to recognize the veterans.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 4: YES, ARTICLE 4 CARRIES.

Article 5:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,539,891 for General Government for (FY 2017) as follows:

General Government	
Town Office:	
Wages, Fees, Benefits	
Town Officers Salaries	61,030
Selectmen's Fees	200
Town Clerk Fees	0
Town Clerk Costs	3,000
Deputy Town Clerk	2,970
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	20,000
Salaries - Full Time	88,800
Salaries - Part Time	6,000
Retirement	3,450
Health/Dental Insurance	30,762
Life/Disability Insurance	2,300
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	**218,512**
Town Office Expense	46,900
Total Town Office	**265,412**
Election and Registration	**7,200**
Legal Expense	**14,500**
Payroll Taxes	**51,808**
Planning and Zoning Boards:	
Wages - Part Time	1,900
Expense	3,950
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	**5,850**
Public Buildings:	
Wages - Part Time	10,300
Expenses	54,870
Total Public Buildings	**65,170**
Cemeteries	**3,725**
Insurance	**49,962**
Lakes Region Planning Commission	**2,297**
Total General Government:	**465,924**

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department:

Wages, Benefits:	
Salaries - full time	146,000
Salaries - part time	50,000
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	5,639
Retirement	41,000
Health/Dental Insurance	28,407
Life/Disability Insurance	930
Total Wages and Benefits	271,976
Expenses	37,550
Total Police Department	**309,526**

Fire Department:

Wages, Benefits	
Salaries - Part Time Chief	12,553
Part-Time Station Duty	39,500
Stipend for Response	30,000
Expense	81,350
Total Fire Department	**163,403**

Ambulance Service	**77,130**
Building Inspector	**16,163**
Zoning Officer	**5,300**
Forest Fire Protection	**3,000**
Emergency Management & Safety	**500**
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	**5,909**
Water Precinct	**400**
Total Public Safety:	**581,331**

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:

Highway Department:

Wages and benefits:	
Salaries - Full Time	207,081
Salaries - Part Time	22,323
Salaries - Overtime	54,924
Retirement	6,800

Health/Dental Insurance	70,063
Life/Disability Insurance	3,200
Total Wages and Benefits	**364,391**
Expenses:	
Rental Equipment	147,096
Contract Services	28,038
Operating Expenses	272,558
Total Expenses:	**447,692**
Total Highway Department	**812,083**
Street Lights	12,000
Total Highways and Streets:	**824,083**
SANITATION:	
Transfer Station:	
Wages - Full Time	42,577
Wages - Part Time	15,000
Retirement	1,240
Health/Dental Insurance	24,806
Life/Disability Insurance	1,100
Total Wages & benefits	**84,723**
Expenses:	
Engineering	3,500
Transport Materials	105,000
Operating Expenses	18,344
Total Expenses:	**126,844**
Total Sanitation:	**211,567**
Health:	
Salary and Expenses	500
Agencies:	
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000
Community Action Program	4,250
White Mt Health Center	1,599
Starting Point	939

Red Cross	1,300
Central NH VNA & Hospice	2,500
Ossipee Children's Fund	1,000
Life Flight Foundation	372
Total Health:	**15,893**
WELFARE:	
Salary	2,000
Town Needy	9,000
Total Welfare	**11,000**
CULTURE AND RECREATION:	
Parks and Recreation	9,950
Library	82,412
Memorial Day	1,000
Old Home Week	2,000
Heritage Commission	850
Total Culture and Recreation	**96,212**
CONSERVATION:	
Conservation Commission	2,580
Water Quality Testing	3,000
Milfoil Remediation	15,000
Aquatic Invasive Species	750
Total Conservation	**21,330**
DEBT SERVICE:	
Bond Principal - Road	130,750
Bond Principal - PSB	75,000
Lease Principal	28,288
Bond Interest - PSB	11,700
Bond Interest - Road	66,024
Lease Interest	789
Other Interest	0
Total Debt Service:	**312,551**
TOTAL FOR ARTICLE 5:	**$ 2,539,891**

Moderator Johnson read Article 5 in its entirety by section total in order to obtain a motion and second to get it to the floor for discussion.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Mr. Johnson explained that the meeting would proceed to discuss this article section by section, starting first with General Government - $465,924.

Selectman Babb explained that the negotiations with the health insurance company to be self-insured, discussed at last year's town meeting, did not work out, noting that changes had been made to the current insurance provided by increasing the deductible and the co-pay, amounting to $43,000 in savings.

No further discussion on General Government.

Public Safety - $581,331.

Mr. Babb noted that the Fire Department budget was up $23,000, $20,000 had been raised and appropriated in the past to have a cistern on Kidder Drive. The town has been unable to find a good contract for the construction of that cistern, so the plan now is to put in a dry hydrant somewhere near Round Pond or Loon Lake.

Discussion.

Matt Tyler made a **MOTION TO AMEND** the budget by adding $1,100.00 to the police department budget line item.

SECONDED by Joyce Watson.

Officer Tyler said the $1100.00 increase would be for general maintenance of their computer system and will allow them to connect with the Sheriff's Office and eventually they will be

totally mobile, enabling them to have all the information that dispatch has.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 5 by adding $1,100.00 to the police department's budget: YES, Amendment passes, making the new bottom line total for Article 5 **$2,540,991.00**.

Highways and Streets - $824,083.00

No discussion.

Sanitation - $211,567.00.

Selectman Babb complimented Cubby on doing a good job at the transfer station, also noting the hours will be extended.

No further discussion.

Health - $15,893.

Ann Pierce asked why the amount for Starting Point was a third less than previously requested.

Mr. Babb explained that the Selectmen only put in the amounts requested by the agencies.

No further discussion.

Welfare - $ 11,000
Culture and Recreation - $ 96,212
Conservation - $ 21,330.

No discussion.

Debt Service - $312,551.

Paul Olzerowicz thanked the Selectmen for the opening summary which answered many questions. He said he would like to encourage the Selectmen to continue to study and plan as to when to put the money aside and to continue projections and planning accordingly. He said he supports the article.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 5 AS AMENDED to a new bottom line of $2,540,991: YES, ARTICLE 5 AS AMENDED CARRIES.

Article 6:
To see if the Town will vote to repurpose One Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars ($109,738) in unexpended bond proceeds from the One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Fifteen Dollars ($1,459,015) in bonds authorized by a vote of the Town meeting on March 12, 2016 and issued on July 14, 2016 to finance roadway and drainage improvements to Ossipee Lake and Bennett Road; and to use such unexpended funds currently in fund balance, to finance the replacement of an existing corrugated metal culvert with a precast concrete box culvert at the intersection of Moulton and Youngs Hill Roads. (2/3rds vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb explained that this Bond had been for repairs to the Ossipee Lake Road and Bennett Road and when not all the money was withdrawn, a check was sent to the Town for the unused amount. This amount would go in to the general fund if not re-purposed. The Selectmen want to repurpose the $109,738 for the culvert.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 6: YES - ARTICLE 6 CARRIES. [Hand count not initially taken at this point.]

For the purposes of these Minutes and clarity, the following is inserted in Warrant order but not time order:

During discussion on Article 9, the Town Attorney, John Ratigan, spoke to the Moderator, Donald Johnson, and explained that for Article 6, he was quite sure an actual hand count needed to be taken and the results included in the minutes to satisfy the 2/3 majority requirement.

Moderator Johnson asked for a Motion to re-visit Article 6 and obtain a hand-count:

MOTION made by Melissa Florio
SECONDED by Paul Olzerowicz

VOTE: 104 VOTES in favor of Article 6; No votes against.

Article 6 confirmed to have carried and to have met the 2/3 vote required.

[Note: hand count total initially announced at 105 in favor. Supervisor of the Checklist Carol Stansell made a Point of Order to the Moderator - stating that only 104 had been signed in to the hall and entitled to vote. Hand count number revised to 104, after it was noted that one person had walked from one side of the hall to the other during the counting and had been counted twice in error.]

Article 7:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 for this year's contract with R. B. Wood & Associates, LLC to complete the necessary new construction assessing for the year and all other assessing duties required for the year.

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Day explained that this was a payment as part of the five year contract signed last August.

Carol Stansell asked if this was included in the Budget. She was advised no - that it is its own Warrant article, as usual. Last year's amount was $39,736.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 7: YES - ARTICLE 7 CARRIES.

Article 8:
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of $425,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a fire engine, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $100,000.00 for the down payment for that purpose with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. This lease agreement contains a non-appropriation clause. (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Cubby (Justin) Brooks

Selectman Babb explained to the meeting that this Article is to replace a fire truck, noting that there are on-going negotiations that are on the right track, and the truck to be purchased would be decided on by a Committee to try to get the best truck for our area and purposes and at the best price.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: YES - ARTICLE 8 CARRIES.

Article 9:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Boyle explained that this was the annual paving article.

Joyce Watson asked what roads would be involved - she was advised Moulton Road and Swetts Hill.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: YES - ARTICLE 9 CARRIES.

[Note: Article 6 re-visited at this point in the meeting; see prior notes for Article 6 above.]

Article 10:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $52,000.00 to sealcoat on Town Roads.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Boyle said this was part of the preventative maintenance program.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: YES - ARTICLE 10 CARRIES.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: YES - ARTICLE 11 CARRIES.

Article 12:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $23,000.00 for the crushing of gravel for the use on Town Roads.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb noted that the town does this periodically as needed over the years - usually every five years or so.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 12: YES - ARTICLE 12 CARRIES.

Article 13:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: RA Oram

Melissa Florio said she noted the Selectmen were split 2 to 1 on this Article and she wondered why one selectman was not in favor.

Selectmen Babb and Day were in favor. Selectman Day said he felt that Selectman Boyle had been in favor of the forester but not the amount of the pay.

The use of a licensed forester is mandated by the State.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: YES - ARTICLE 13 CARRIES.

Article 14:
To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund created in 2016. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Marty Perreault

Selectman Babb explained that last year the Selectmen had thought we would be able to self fund to handle the insurance, but it did not work out.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14: YES - ARTICLE 14 CARRIES.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 to be added to the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Joyce Watson

Selectmen Day said that if passed, this amount would be added to the existing account having a current balance $79,974.96.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 15: YES - ARTICLE 15 CARRIES.

Article 16:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000.00 to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectmen Day said that if passed, this amount would be added to the existing account having a current balance of $9,765.32.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: YES - ARTICLE 16 CARRIES.

Article 17:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Highway

Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectmen Day said that if passed, this amount would be added to the existing account having a current balance of $42,306.12.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: YES - ARTICLE 17 CARRIES.

Article 18:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Day said that if passed, this amount would be added to the existing account having a current balance of $31,206.94.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: YES - ARTICLE 18 CARRIES.

Article 19:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Paul Olzerowicz

Selectman Day said that if passed, this amount would be added to the existing account having a current balance of $10,344.32.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19: YES - ARTICLE 19 CARRIES.

Article 20:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Marty Perreault

Selectman Day explained that if passed, this amount would be added to the existing account having a current balance of $10,091.19.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: YES - ARTICLE 20 CARRIES.

Article 21: (By Petition)
The Lakeview Cemetery Assoc. and its members respectfully request the town to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to address urgent needed road improvements for safe access on existing deteriorating roadways.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-0

MOTION: Joyce Watson

SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Joyce Watson spoke to the Article - explaining that this is a private association and the roads are in very poor condition and the Association does not have the money needed for the repairs, noting that this is a safety issue.

Alan Fall spoke in favor of the Article, citing RSA 289:2 that requires a municipality to provide a cemetery.

Karen Babb asked if it is private, is this Article appropriate?

Attorney Ratigan responded that ordinarily the town could not spend money on private property but stated that every municipality has to provide for its dead. He said he had never been asked to research this issue, but was aware of appropriations such as this that helped with such things as cutting the grass or plowing snow, stating he was '99% sure' it is permitted.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 21: YES - ARTICLE 21 CARRIES.

Article 22: (By Petition)
To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the "Pequawket Trail Bike Path Capital Reserve Fund", for the purpose of the constructing the proposed Pequawket Trail (PTrail) Bike Path, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand dollars ($60,000) to be placed in the fund, and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Town will need to raise approximately $120,000 as its 20% share of a NHDOT TAP grant, with 80% of the PTrail project costs to be paid by the NHDOT TAP grant. Project and Financial Readiness must be in place to be used in the scoring of a future NH DOT TAP Grant.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-3

MOTION: Marge Amico
SECONDED: Diane Wilkinson

Marge Amico explained the project, with the assistance of Lorelei Gerard of Thorne Surveys.

Several townspeople spoke against the article, several spoke for the article.

Discussion.

Ann Pierce presented a written Petition to the Moderator to vote on this article by secret ballot. Moderator Johnson reviewed same and declared that it was in proper form and that when ready to vote, the vote would be by secret ballot.

After further discussion, Jane Davidson made a MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION:

VOTE ON MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION: YES, MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION CARRIES.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 22 - by written ballot:

21 YES 81 NO

ARTICLE 22 FAILS.

Article 23:
To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The Moderator noted that we had voted to raise and appropriate the total sum of $3,000,729.00 during this meeting.

Seeing no further business to come before this meeting, the Moderator gave a thank you to all who voted and to all those for

their service and a thank you to the Selectmen, who received a round of applause.

Motion to adjourn made by Anne Cunningham; seconded by all.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

A true copy, attest

A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE, TOWN CLERK

TOWN MEETING – MARCH 13, 2018

WARRANT

The polls will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 13th day of March 2018 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the Freedom Town Hall.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: add section 304.6.7 Impervious Surfaces on Shorefront Lots to article 304? This addition will mirror the state's requirements under RSA 483-B:9 V.(g) regarding the percent of impervious surfaces and stormwater management plan requirements (as published in the 2017-2018 edition of NH Planning and Land Use Regulation). Property owners must already comply with these regulations. This will allow the town of Freedom to protect water resources locally.

Article 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Add Article 17: Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance that accommodates small wind energy systems in appropriate locations, but excluding the Shorefront District? Adopting this language will mirror state requirements while allowing the town to oversee wind energy installations in the town.

ARTICLE : 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $**2,630,033** for General Government for FY 2018 as follows:

	FY 2017 APPROP	FY 2017 EXP	FY 2018 APPROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	61,030	61,070	61,030
Selectemen's Fees	200	0	200
Town Clerk Costs	3,000	5,316	3,000
Deputy Town Clerk	2,970	2,498	5,400
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	20,000	18,459	20,000
Salaries - Full Time	88,800	93,441	94,000
Salaries - Part Time	6,000	6,142	6,000
Retirement	3,450	3,805	3,450
Health/Dental Insurance	30,762	30,462	20,653
Life/Disability Insurance	2,300	2,365	2,450
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	**218,512**	**223,558**	**216,183**
Town Office Expense	46,900	51,172	49,300
Total Town Office	**265,412**	**274,730**	**265,483**
Assessing	**30,000**	**30,000**	**30,000**
Election and Registration	**7,200**	**5,876**	**14,900**
Legal Expense	**14,500**	**13,024**	**30,000**
Payroll Taxes	**51,808**	**51,469**	**51,594**
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part Time	1,900	985	1,950
Expense	3,950	3,464	4,100
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	**5,850**	**4,449**	**6,050**
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part Time	10,300	7,457	10,300
Expenses	54,870	40,641	54,870
Total Public Buildings	**65,170**	**48,098**	**65,170**
Cemeteries	**3,725**	**1,950**	**3,725**
Insurance	**49,962**	**49,962**	**47,046**
Lakes Region Planning Commission	**2,297**	**2,297**	**2,349**
Total General Government	**495,924**	**481,855**	**516,317**

	FY 2017 APPROP	FY 2017 EXP	FY 2018 APPROP
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department:			
Wages, Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	146,000	158,625	149,115
Salaries - Part Time	50,000	51,297	50,000
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	5,639	5,625	5,639
Retirement	41,000	42,073	43,885
Health/Dental Insurance	28,407	28,706	27,007
Life/Disability Insurance	930	780	930
Total Wages and Benefits	**271,976**	**287,106**	**276,576**
Expenses	38,650	32,613	40,400
Total Police Department	**310,626**	**319,719**	**316,976**
Fire Department:			
Wages, Benefits			
Salaries - Part Time Chief	12,553	12,553	12,553
Part-Time Station Duty	39,500	41,962	39,500
Stipend for Response	30,000	30,000	35,000
Expense	81,350	56,965	57,750
Total Fire Department	**163,403**	**141,480**	**144,803**
Ambulance Service	**77,130**	**76,875**	**77,896**
Building Inspector	**16,163**	**8,933**	**16,163**
Zoning Officer	**5,300**	**4,641**	**5,300**
Forest Fire Protection	**3,000**	**2,716**	**3,000**
Emergency Management & Safety	**500**	**441**	**500**
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	**5,909**	**5,909**	**5,881**
Water Precinct	**400**	**400**	**400**
Total Public Safety	**582,431**	**561,114**	**570,919**
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Highway Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	207,081	178,428	207,081
Salaries - Part Time	22,323	40,195	22,323
Salaries - Overtime	54,924	38,217	54,924
Retirement	6,800	6,405	6,800
Health/Dental Insurance	70,063	73,825	74,566
Life/Disability Insurance	3,200	3,455	3,500
Total Wages and Benefits	**364,391**	**340,525**	**369,194**

	FY 2017 APPROP	FY 2017 EXP	FY 2018 APPROP
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	147,096	140,783	147,096
Contract Services	28,038	49,688	28,038
Operating Expenses	272,558	236,862	272,558
Crack Seal	14,000	14,000	17,000
Total Expenses	**461,692**	**441,333**	**464,692**
Total Highway Department	**826,083**	**781,858**	**833,886**
Street Lights	12,000	12,657	12,000
Total Highways and Streets	**838,083**	**794,515**	**845,886**
SANITATION:			
Transfer Station:			
Wages - Full Time	42,577	46,142	42,577
Wages - Part Time	15,000	16,502	15,000
Retirement	1,240	1,409	1,240
Health/Dental Insurance	24,806	24,906	23,407
Life/Disability Insurance	1,100	866	1,100
Total Wages and Benefits	**84,723**	**89,825**	**83,324**
Expenses:			
Engineering	3,500	2,410	4,000
Transport Materials	105,000	101,089	108,000
Operating Expenses	18,344	11,079	16,330
Total Expenses	**126,844**	**114,578**	**128,330**
Total Sanitation	**211,567**	**204,403**	**211,654**
HEALTH:			
Salary and Expenses	500	191	500
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000	2,000	2,000
Community Action Program	4,250	4,250	4,000
White Mt Health Center	1,599	1,599	1,836
Starting Point	939	939	1,166
Red Cross	1,300	1,300	0
Central NH VNA & Hospice	2,500	2,500	2,500
Ossipee Children's Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
Life Flight Foundation	372	372	372
Total Health	**15,893**	**15,584**	**14,807**

	FY 2017 APPROP	FY 2017 EXP	FY 2018 APPROP
WELFARE:			
Salary	2,000	600	2,000
Town Needy	9,000	6,743	9,000
Total Welfare	**11,000**	**7,343**	**11,000**
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	9,950	6,321	9,950
Library	82,412	82,412	85,484
Memorial Day	1,000	652	1,000
Old Home Week	2,000	2,000	2,000
Heritage Commission	850	50	850
Total Culture and Recreation	**96,212**	**91,435**	**99,284**
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	2,580	1,177	2,200
Water Quality Testing	3,000	3,000	3,000
Milfoil Remediation	15,000	17,002	15,000
Aquatic Invasive Species	750	479	750
Total Conservation	**21,330**	**21,658**	**20,950**
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond Principal - Road	130,750	130,750	130,000
Bond Principal - PSB	75,000	75,000	75,000
Lease Tank Truck Principal	28,288	28,288	0
Lease Pump Truck Principal	0	0	60,987
Bond Interest - PSB	11,700	11,700	9,450
Bond Interest - Road	66,024	66,024	54,226
Lease Interest Tank Truck	789	788	0
Lease Interest Pump Truck	0	0	9,553
Other Interest	0	7	0
Total Debt Service	**312,551**	**312,557**	**339,216**
TOTAL ARTICLE 5	**2,584,991**	**2,490,464**	**2,630,033**

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $41,421.00 to purchase and equip a new four wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department; to be paid by authorizing the withdrawal of $10,000.00 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and $31,421.00 to come from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $79,500.00 to purchase and equip a new one ton truck for the Highway Department, to be paid by authorizing the withdrawal of $30,000.00 from the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and $49,500.00 to come from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 7:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department budget to convert the part time station duty coverage back to a full time Fire Chief.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $52,000.00 to sealcoat on Town Roads.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,535.00 for the crushing of gravel for the use on Town Roads.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 to be added to the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000.00 to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 17: (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 for maintenance of Lakeview Cemetery.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1

Article 18: (by petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to help fund CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of NH. CASA of NH is the only non profit organization in the state to recruit, screen and train volunteers to advocate for victimized children.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0

Article 19:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 12th day of February in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

A true copy, attest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb
Neal E. Boyle
Ernest F. Day, Jr.

BUDGET
OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	61,030	61,070	61,030
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,200	5,876	14,900
Financial Administration	204,382	213,660	204,453
Revaluation of Property	30,000	30,000	30,000
Legal Expenses	14,500	13,024	30,000
Personnel Administration	51,808	51,469	51,594
Planning and Zoning	11,150	9,090	11,350
General Government Buildings	65,170	48,098	65,170
Cemeteries	3,725	1,950	3,725
Insurance	49,962	49,962	47,046
Regional Assoc	2,297	2,297	2,349
Public Safety			
Police	310,626	319,719	316,976
Ambulance	77,130	76,875	77,896
Fire	166,403	144,195	147,803
Building Inspection	16,163	8,933	16,163
Emergency Management	500	441	500
Hydrants, Dam Safety	6,309	6,309	6,281
Highway and Streets			
Highway and Street	826,083	795,858	833,886
Street Lighting	12,000	12657	12,000
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	211,567	204,403	211,654
Health			
Health Officer	500	191	500
Health Agencies	15,393	15,393	14,307
Welfare			
Administration	2,000	600	2,000
Vendor Payments & Other	9,000	6,743	9,000

Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	9,950	6,321	9,950
Library	82,412	82,412	85,484
Patriotic Purposes	1,000	652	1,000
Other Culture and Recreation	2,850	2,050	2,850
Conservation			
Administration	2,580	1,177	2,200
Other Conservation	18,750	20,482	18,750
Debt Services			
Princ–Long Term Bonds & Notes	234,038	234,038	265,987
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	78,513	78,513	73,229
Other dept. service	0	7	0
Special Warrant Articles			
Highway One Ton	0	0	79,500
Police Cruiser	0	0	41,421
Cemeteries	5,000	5,000	4,000
CASA	1,015	1,844	500
Other Conservation	2,500	2,500	0
Repurposing Bond monies	109,738	109,738	0
Capital Reserve Fund –			
Municipal Land & Building	12,000	12,000	12,000
Transfer Station	11,000	11,000	11,000
Highway Equipment	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fire Department	10,000	10,000	10,000
Police	10,000	10,000	10,000
Expendable Trust – Library	2,500	2,500	2,500
Individual Warrant Articles			
Fire Engine	100,000	100,000	0
Sealcoat Town Roads	52,000	50,446	52,000
Repave Town Roads	68,000	68,000	75,000
Gravel Crushing	23,000	23,000	10,535
Full Time Fire Chief	0	0	30,000
TOTAL	**$3,000,729**	**$2,918,649**	**$2,978,489**

	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing FY
SOURCE OF REVENUE			
Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	4,000	5,245	4,000
Timber Taxes	14,000	27,762	30,000
Other Taxes – Boat	6,000	7,318	6,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	38,000	57,089	40,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	7,200	7,282	7,200
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	300,000	356,123	300,000
Building Permits	20,000	26,829	20,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	39,000	44,534	40,000
From State			
Meal & Rooms Tax Distribution	65,000	78,970	65,000
Highway Block Grant	80,000	86,650	80,000
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	8,600	8,600	12,000
Other Charges	1,500	60	100
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on Investments	3,800	11,162	5,000
Other	16,000	22,619	18,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Capital Reserve Fund	1,000	1,000	40,000
From Conservation Funds	2,500	2,500	0
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	**$606,600**	**743,744**	**667,300**

Appropriations Recommended	$2,630,033
Special Warrant Articles	$ 60,000
Individual Articles	288,456
Total Appropriations	2,978,489
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue & Credits	$667,300
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	$2,311,189

TOWN OF FREEDOM
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2017

	BALANCE 01/01/17	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER TO GENL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/17
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN:					
Cemetery P/C Int.	4,283	28			4,311
Municipal Bldg/Land	5,000				5,000
Town Road R-O-W	4,800				4,800
Total Transfers In	**14,083**	**28**			**14,111**
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:					
General Government:					
Town Hall Kitchen	1,330	200			1,530
Public Safety:					
Police Dept	2,650	1,100			3,750
Fire Dept	2,220	1,075	168		3,127
Highways:					
Highway Dept	2,746	600			3,346
Culture and Recreation:					
Recreation	1,200	1,869	100		2,969
Heritage Commission	500				500
Total Gifts and Donations	**10,646**	**4,844**	**268**		**15,222**
POLICE - Outside Detail	**0**	**2,641**	**2,641**		**0**

GRANTS					
Heritage Commission	-250	5,000	4,750		0
Fire Department		96,044	96,044		0
Total Grants	**-250**	**101,044**	**100,794**		**0**
CONSERVATION:					
Gifts	195				195
Milfoil Grant	-2,779	12,967	10,188		0
Milfoil Gifts	6,595	700	5,452		1,843
Land Use Tax	15,540	2,622			18,162
Wildlife Habitat	18,326	2,622			20,948
Town Forest Maintenance	46,898			2,500	44,398
Town Forest Stewardship Gifts	5,099	500			5,599
Ossipee Lake Protection Fund	9,844	1,925	11,769		0
Total Conservation	**99,718**	**21,336**	**27,409**	**2,500**	**91,145**
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	**124,197**	**129,893**	**131,112**	**2,500**	**120,478**

TOWN OF FREEDOM
DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017

Source		Amount
Property Tax Levy	$6,310,414	
Interest & Penalties Late Taxes	57,089	
Yield Tax	27,762	
Boat Tax	7,318	
Land Use Change Tax	5,245	**$6,407,828**
State Aid:		
Meals & Rooms Distribution	78,970	
Highway Block Grant	86,650	
Special Highway Block Grant	74,309	**239,929**
Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses	374	
Vehicle Registrations	356,123	
Other Fees	971	**357,468**
Transfer Station:		
Permits	29,235	
Tipping Fees	10,727	
Recycling Revenue	329	**40,291**
Building Inspector:		
Permits	26,829	**26,829**
Police Department:		
Reports, etc	55	
Special Detail Fees	160	**215**
Selectmen:		
Copies-Printouts-Maps-Checklists-Fax	1,033	
Donations	6,800	
Planning Board Fees	735	
ZBA Fees	2,257	
Winter Road Maintenance Fees	1,610	
Other Permits and Fees	991	
Town of Eaton (Fire)	8,600	
Cable TV Franchise Fee	7,282	
NH Retirement Fund 2008-2015	11,935	
Rents of Property	30	
Interest Income	11,162	
Fines	30	**52,465**
Capital Reserve Fund	1,000	**1,000**
Special Revenue Fund Transfer (Conservation)	2,500	**2,500**
TOTAL		**$7,128,525**

PROPERTY VALUATION
INVENTORY SCHEDULE

Value of Land	Acres	2017 Assessed Valuation	Totals
A. Current Use (at current use values)	11,564	$813,082	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment	7.15	739	
C. Discretionary Preservation Easements	.22	325	
D. Residential	6,226	231,461,800	
E. Commercial/Industrial	414	4,418,500	
Total of Taxable Land	**18,211**		**$236,694,446**
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land	3402	12,103,800	

Value of Buildings Only

A. Residential	$218,723,651	
B. Manufactured Housing	20,938,400	
C. Commercial/Industrial	8,793,500	
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (20 structures)	69,049	
Total of Taxable Buildings		**$248,524,600**
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings	10,660,300	

Public Utilities – Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.

Utilities	4,868,000	
Total Public Utilities		**$4,868,000**
Valuation Before Exemptions		**$490,087,046**
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, a and b — Total Number Granted 6	$250,000	
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b — Total Number Granted 1	$20,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		**$270,000**
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed		**$489,817,046**
Less Public Utilities		4,868,000
Net Valuation without utilities which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed		**$484,949,046**

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
Purpose of Appropriations

General Government

Town Officers Salaries	$61,030
Election & Registrations	7,200
Town Office Expense	204,381
Revaluation of Property	30,000
Legal Expenses	14,500
Personnel Administration	51,808
Planning and Zoning	11,150
General Government Buildings	65,170
Cemeteries	8,725
Insurance	49,962
Lakes Region Planning	2,297

Public Safety

Police	310,625
Ambulance	77,130
Fire	266,403
Building Inspection	16,163
Emergency Management	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	5,909
Water Precinct	400

Highway Streets and Bridges

Highway Streets and Bridges	969,083
Street Lighting	12,000

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	211,567

Health

Administration	500
Health Agencies	15,393

Welfare

Administration	2,000
Vendor Payments	9,000

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation	9,950

Library 82,412
Patriotic Purposes 1,000
Old Home Week 2,000
Heritage 850

Conservations

Administration of Natural Recourses 2,580
Other Conservation..... 21,250

Debt Services

Bond Principal 234,038
Bond Interest 78,514

Capital Outlay

Improvements other than buildings 109,738

Operating Transfers Out

Capital Reserve Funds

Police Department 10,000
Highway Equipment..... 10,000
Transfer Station, ... 11,000
Highway Drainage..... 10,000
Municipal Land & Building 12,000

Expendable Trust Funds

Library 2,500

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS $3,000,729

Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form appropriations actually voted by the town meeting were taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Selectmen of Freedom
Leslie Babb
Ernest Day Jr.
Neal Boyle

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officer Salaries

Selectmen	$18,000
Town Clerk	33,320
Tax Collector	6,000
Town Treasurer	3,600
Trustee of Trust Funds	150
Expended	$61,070
Appropriated	61,030
Overrun	$ 40

Town Office Expenses

Town Clerk Costs	$5,316
Deputy Town Clerk	2,498
Tax Collector Fees & Costs	17,698
Town Administrator	56,370
Administrative Assistant	37,149
Part-time Salary	6,142
Health/Dental Insurance	30,462
Life/Disability Insurance	2,365
Retirement	3,805
Reimbursable Expense	840
Computer Support	17,093
Dues	2,561
Tax Map Updates	5,000
Meeting/Training	153
Office Supplies	5,066
Telephone	3,363
Printing/Postage/Notices	3,214
Professional Audit	14,138
Bank Charges	427
Expended	$213,660
Appropriated	204,382
Over Run	9,278

Election & Registration

Workers	$2,537
Printing/Advertising	3,181
Operating	158
Expended	$ 5,876
Appropriated	7,200
Under run	$ 1,324

Revaluation of Property	Expended	$30,000
	Appropriated	30,000
	Balance	0

Legal Expense

Town Office	$9,733
Zoning Board	2,900
Planning Board	245
Tax Deeded Property	146
Expended	$13,024
Appropriated	14,500
Under run	$1,476

Payroll Taxes	Expended	$51,469
	Appropriated	51,808
	Under run	$ 339

Planning and Zoning

Part-time Salary	$ 985
Expenses	3,463
Expended	$4,448
Appropriated	5,850
Under run	$1,402

Zoning Officer

Part Time Salary	$4,302
Expenses	339
Expended	$4,641
Appropriated	5,300
Under run	$ 659

Town Buildings

Part-time Salary	$7,457
Operating Expenses	29,025
Office Maintenance/Repair	3,855
Town Hall Maintenance/Repair	5,662
Public Safety Building Maintenance and Repair	2,099
Expended	$48,098
Appropriated	65,170
Under run	$17,072

Cemetery	Expended	$1,950
	Appropriated	3,725
	Under run	$1,775

Insurance	Expended	$49,962
	Appropriated	49,962
	Balance	0

Advertising & Regional Associates

Lakes Region Planning	Expended	$2,297
	Appropriated	2,297
	Balance	0

Emergency Management Program	Expended	$441
	Appropriated	500
	Under Run	$ 59

Police Department

Chief Salary	$71,891
Full Time Salaries	70,330
Part Time Salaries	51,297
Holiday	5,625

Animal Control	1,107
Retirement	42,073
Health & Dental Insurance	28,706
Life & Disability Insurance	780
Vehicle/Equipment Repairs	10,555
Operating Expenses	17,183
Gasoline	6,458
Uniforms	672
Telephone	3,124
Training	1,285
Computer Support	1,850
Equipment	6 ,214
D.A.R.E	569
Expended	$319,719
Appropriated	310,626
Over run	$9,093

Fire Department

Part-Time Chief Salary	$12,553
Member's Stipend	30,000
Part-time Station Duty	41,962
Training	4,335
Mutual Aid Dues	5,000
Telephone	1,320
Equipment Purchases	8,279
Vehicle Repairs & Inspections	11,494
Vehicle Gas	2700
Turnout Gear	5,460
Radio/Equipment Repairs	542
First Responders	4,951
Operating Expense	2,884
Expended	$131,480
Encumbered	10,000
Total	141,480
Appropriated	$163,403
Under Run	$21,923

Forest Fire Protection

Equipment Purchase		2,716
	Expended	$ 2,716
	Appropriated	3,000
	Under Run	$ 284

Water Precinct	Expended	$400
	Appropriated	400
	Balance	0

Building Inspector

Part Time		$ 7,531
Expenses		1,402
	Expended	$ 8,933
	Appropriated	16,163
	Under run	$7,230

Highway Maintenance

Summer

Labor	$ 86,914
Rental Equipment	13,657
Materials	48,080
Signs and Signals	1,466
Contract Services	49,687
Road Stripping	15,756
Total Summer Maintenance	**$215,560**

Winter

Labor	$169,926
Rental Equipment	127,127
Materials	85,703
Village Snow Removal	858
Total Winter Maintenance	**$383,614**

General Highway Expense .....$ 98,999
Health & Dental Insurance 73,825
Life/Disability Insurance 3,455
Retirement.....6,405

Expended $781,858
Appropriated....812,083
Under Run.....$30,225

Street Lights.....Expended $12,657
Appropriated.....12,000
Over run.....$ 657

Transfer Station

Full-time Salary $46,142
Part-time Salaries.....16,502
Health & Dental Insurance 24,906
Life/Disability Insurance 866
Retirement.....1,409
Engineering.....2,410
Transfer Fees 101,089
Household Hazardous Waste Fee 2,444
Site Improvements 75
Utilities/Maintenance.....4,988
Operating Expense..... 3,572

Expended $204,403
Appropriated....211,567
Under run.....7,164

Health Officer

Part Time Salary .....$ 158
Expenses 33

Expended .....$ 191
Appropriated.....500
Under run.....$309

Health & Social Services

Ambulance	$76,875
C.C. Mental Health	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000
Community Action Program	4,250
Central NH VNA & Hospice	2,500
Starting Point	939
Red Cross	1,300
Ossipee Child Fund	1,000
Lifeflight Foundation	372
White Mtn Health Center	1,599
Expended	$92,268
Appropriated	92,523
Under run	$ 255

Welfare

Part Time Salary	$600
General Assistance	1,743
Food Pantry	5,000
Expended	$7,343
Appropriated	11,000
Under run	$3,657

Parks & Recreation

Expended	$6,321
Appropriated	9,950
Under run	$ 3,629

Library	Expended	$82,412
	Appropriated	82,412
	Balance	0

Heritage Commission	Expended	$ 50
	Appropriated	850
	Under run	$ 800

Patriotic Purposes

Old Home Week		$2,000
Other		652
	Expended	$2,652
	Appropriated	3,000
	Under run	$348

Conservation Commission

Administration	Expended	$1,177
	Appropriated	2,580
	Under run	$1,403
Water Quality Testing	Expended	$3,000
	Appropriated	3,000
	Balance	0
Forester	Expended	$ 0
	Encumbered	2,500
	Total	2,500
	Appropriated	2,500
	Balance	0

Aquatic Invasive Species

Administration		$479
Milfoil Removal		17,002
	Expended	$17,481
	Appropriated	15,750
	Over run	$1,731

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	Expended	5,909
	Appropriated	5,909
	Balance	0

Debt Services

Bond Principal – PSB	75,000
Bond Principal - Road	130,750
Lease Principal – Tank Truck	28,288
Expended	$ 234,038
Appropriated	234,038
Balance	0

Interest Expense

Bond Interest – PSB	11,700
Bond Interest – Road	66,024
Lease Interest Tank Truck	789
Other Interest	7
Expended	$78,520
Appropriated	78,513
Over run	7

Capital Reserve

Police Department	$10,000
Highway Equipment	10,000
Highway Drainage	10,000
Transfer Station	11,000
Municipal Land and Building	12,000
Expended	$ 53,000
Appropriated	53,000
Balance	0

Trust Funds

Library	Expended	2,500
	Appropriated	2,500
	Balance	0

Capital Outlay/Individual Articles

Highway – Crack and Seal	Expended	0
	Encumbered	14,000
	Total	14,000
	Appropriated	14,000
	Balance	$0

Highway – Sealcoat	Expended	$50,446
	Appropriated	52,000
	Under run	$1,554
Highway – Hot Top	Expended	0
	Encumbered	68,000
	Total	68,000
	Appropriated	68,000
	Balance	0
Highway – Swett Hill Culverts	Expended	55,984
	Encumbered	53,754
	Total	109,738
	Appropriated	109,738
	Balance	0
Highway – Gravel Crushing	Expended	7,945
	Encumbered	15,055
	Total	23,000
	Appropriated	23,000
	Balance	0
Lakeview Cemetery	Expended	5,000
	Appropriated	5,000
	Balance	0
Fire Engine	Expended	0
	Encumbered	100,000
	Total	100,000
	Appropriated	100,000
	Balance	0
Total Budget Under Run		**$82,080**

2017 Tax Rate - 12.96
Tax Rate Breakdown
Freedom

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	$2,137,464	$489,817,046	$4.37
County	$665,600	$489,817,046	1.36
Local Education	$2,465,227	$489,817,046	5.03
State Education	$1,069,028	$489,817,046	2.2
Total	**$6,337,319**		**$12.96**

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Freedom Village Water	$0	$13,939,459	$0
Total	**$0**		**$0**

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	$6,337,319
War Service Credits	($30,150)
Village District Tax Effort	$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	**$6,307,169**

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	$3,000,729	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		($627,222)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		($209,739)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		($80,000)
War Service Credits	$30,150	
Special Adjustment	$0	
Actual Overlay Used	$23,545	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	**$2,137,463**	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	$665,600	
Net Required County Tax Effort	**$665,600**	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	$3,534,255	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	$0	
Ned Education Grant		$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		($1,069,028)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	**$2,465,227**	
State Education Tax	$1,069,028	
State Education Tax Not Retained	$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	**$1,069,028**	

Valuation		
Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	$489,817,046	$482,984,456
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	$484,949,046	$478,643,656

Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Freedom Village Water	$13,939,459	

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT
In Excess of $1,000

Highway

2016 Ford F550 One Ton
2016 Hiway 4yd S.S. Sander
1963 York Rake
2014 Cat 924K Loader
2014 Cat 420 Backhoe (Used at Transfer Station)
2011 Cat 140M2 Motor Grader
1992 Morbark Chipper
2013 International All Wheel Drive
2011 Ford F550 XL One Ton (In Service Aug 2010)

1985 GMC Tank Truck
2004 Chevy Tahoe
1991 MB Sweeper
1994 Billy Goat
2006 Hiway 12' stainless steel sander
2001 Hiway 3 yd stainless steel sander
2000 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
2011 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator/Welder

Police Department

2016 Ford Explorer
2013 Chevy Tahoe
2012 Chevy Tahoe
2 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
Stationary Radar Unit

Fire Department

2012 International Tank Truck
2009 Chevy Tahoe
2006 Ford F550 One Ton (Fire only)
2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck
2000 F550 Ford Rescue Truck
1996 Spartan Fire Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1926 Seagrave Fire Truck
2004 Portable Deck Gun
1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2006 (23) XTS 2500i Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100 Watt Kenwood Radio
1998 Jaws of Life Power Unit
1998 Hurst 60" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst 30" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst Combi Tool Spreader Cutter
1998 Hurst Cutter
2010 Hurst Tool Cutter
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
14 MSA Airpacks
Honda Generator
2007 13,000 watt Honda Generator
10,000 Watt Diesel Generator
Multi Gas Meter
2 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75 gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 (2) Can Am 4x4 ATV

2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 315PSI Forestry Pump
2006 120GPM Forestry Pump
Phillips 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor
1998 Positive Pressure Fan
2008 Rescue Sled
3000 Watt Light Tower
Extractor
RAD 57
Remote Light
Lucas Auto Pulse
Alaris Med System 3 IV Pump

Transfer Station

3 Hydraulic Compactors, 7 Containers
12' Snowpusher
Ariens 28" Professional Snowblower

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Assessed Values
As of December 31, 2017

Town Hall, Land and Building	$420,600
Town Office, Land and Building	261,100
Public Safety Building and Land	604,100
Roller Shed, Land and Building	35,100
Library, Land and Buildings	399,400
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	199,600
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings	84,000
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches	797,700
Schools, Land and Building	2,578,800
Conservation Commission	602,400
Trout Pond Town Forest	2,638,900
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deed	435,300
All Other Property	
Backland off Cushing Corner Road	
abuts Morrow/Hayes – Owners Uncertain	24,600
abuts Danforth Pond/Ossipee Lake Road	50,200
	$9,131,800

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year.....1,375,858
Assessment for Current Year.....3,534,255

Total Liability within Current Year..... 4,910,113

Payments made to School District.....3,375,858
Liability at End of Year.....1,534,255

Total..... 4,910,113

DEBT - AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose	Public Safety Building
2018 Installment	$75,000
Interest Rate	3.00%
Date of Final Payment	8/15/21
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	$365,000
Bonds issued this year	0
Bonds Retired this year	0
Bonds o/s at end of year	$290,000

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/17)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2018	$75,000	4.00%	$9,450	$84,450
2019	$75,000	3.00%	$6,450	$81,450
2020	$70,000	3.00%	$4,200	$74,200
2021	$70,000	3.00%	$2,100	$72,100
Total	**$290,000**		**$22,200**	**$312,200**

DEBT - AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose	Ossipee Lake & Bennett Roads
2018 Installment	$130,000
Interest Rate	5.02%
Date of Final Payment	8/15/26
Bonds o/s at beginning of year	$1,130,000
Bonds issued this year	$0
Bonds Retired this year	0
Bonds o/s at end of year	$1,000,000

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/17)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2018	$130,000	5.02%	$54,226	$184,226
2019	$125,000	5.02%	$47,700	$172,700
2020	$125,000	5.02%	$41,425	$166,425
2021	$125,000	5.02%	$35,150	$160,150
2022	$125,000	5.02%	$28,875	$153,875
2023	$125,000	4.02%	$22,600	$147,600
2024	$125,000	4.02%	$17,575	$142,575
2025	$125,000	5.02%	$12,550	$137,550
2026	$125,000	5.02%	$6,275	$131,275
Total	**$1,130,000**		**$266,376**	**$1,396,376**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)

Report of Revenue Received

2800	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	$ 356,123.15
158	Dog Licenses	821.00
48	Vital Copies	585.00
10	Marriage Licenses	500.00
30	Facilities Permits	590.00
	VSX Filing Fee	10.00
	Postage	7.00
	Pole Line Easements	40.00
	State - UCC filings	525.00
	Replacement Dog Tags	4.00
	State Checklist Copies	300.00
	Boat Launch Permit	10.00
	Registered Voter Card	3.00
	Dog Licenses - Late Charges	39.00
	TOTAL:	**$ 359,557.15**

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015
DEBITS			
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	0.00	307,552.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	0.00	274.36	0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prior Years' Credit Balance	(3,198.17)	0.00	0.00
This Year's New Credits			
Tax Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	6,310,413.87	0.00	0.00
Land Use Changes	10,490.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	36,943.36	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overpayment:			
Credits Refunded	6,391.91	0.00	0.00
Interest – Late Tax	3,666.21	17,192.34	0.00
TOTAL DEBTS	**$6,364,707.18**	**326,518.25**	**0.00**
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	6,024.605.97	176,908.81	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	10,490.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	26,104.52	274.36	0.00
Interest	3,606.21	10,921.09	0.00
Penalties	60.00	6,271.25	0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	0.00	0.00	0.00
Converted to Liens (principal only)	0.00	125,747.56	0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	0.00	0.00	0.00
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	3,329.87	4,272.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	9,430.97	0.00	0.00
Current Levy Deeded	512.00	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Revenue End of Year:			
Property Taxes	322,856.48	623.18	0.00
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Tax Yield	1,407.87	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	.0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(37,696.71)	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	**$6,364,707.18**	**$326,518.25**	**$0.00**

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Babb
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/ TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017

	Levies of:		
DEBITS	**2016**	**2015**	**2014**
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	**0**	**$90,641.60**	**$64,445.11**
Liens Executed During FY	**$136,712.61**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Interest and Costs Collected	**4,749.78**	**8,931.50**	**22,543.36**
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	**141,462.39**	**99,573.10**	**86,988.47**
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$63,147.05	$28,622.91	$45,605.05
Interest & Costs Collected	4,749.78	8,931.50	22,543.36
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	0	305.96	1,358.73
Liens Deeded to Municipality	1,131.06	1,212.46	433.27
Unredeemed Lien balance End of FY	72,434.50	60,500.27	17,048.06
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	**$141,462.39**	**99,573.10**	**86,988.47**

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending 2013

Herrholz 51

Fiscal Year Ending 2014

Herrholz 51

Fiscal Year Ending 2015

Brooks, Harvey 200
Herrholz 7
Hunt 44
Kemper-Jose 445
Lloyd 576
Sigourney 655
Wade 166

Fiscal Year Ending 2016

Believeau 106
Brooks, Harvey 220
Daniles 300
Davis 38
Kiernan 18
Niles 217
Pelletier 48
Scovil 204
Weatherby 168

2017 Treasurer's Report
Revenue from all Sources

Revenue by Department

Tax Collector	$	6,422,664.81
Town Clerk	$	359,557.15
Selectmen	$	405,405.95
Building Inspector	$	26,829.40
Boat Registration	$	7,318.04
Interest Income	$	11,161.88
Parks & Recreation	$	1,868.71
Tax Research Fee	$	2,033.00
Misc Income	$	75.00
Total Revenue 2017	$	7,236,913.94
Total Cash on Hand 12/31/17	**$**	**2,673,364.56**

Respectfully Submitted
M. Jayne Britton
Town Treasurer

VACHON CLUKAY
&COMPANY PC

October 12, 2017

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Freedom, New Hampshire

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 26, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire are described in Note I to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2016. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements of the Governmental Activities were:

> Management's estimates of the useful lives of depreciable capital assets are based on historical utilization of assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives of depreciable capital assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
>
> Significant estimates also include actuarial assumptions used in determining pension costs which are based on plan audited financial statements. We evaluated the assumptions used in the plan audited financial statements to determine that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedules summarize uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements. Please see the attached schedule of material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no

such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included m the management representation letter dated October 12, 2017.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison analysis, schedule of changes in the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of Town contributions, and the notes to required supplementary information, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any

assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Vachon Clukay & Company PC

** Entire report is available at the Freedom Town Office

TOWN EMPLOYEES
2017

Police	Mark Ciarfella	4,795
	Joseph Duchesne	12,513
	Jonathan Evans	26,665
	Robert King	5,207
	James Mullen	2,209
	Josh Shackford	74,781
	Matt Tyler	73,065
	Wayne Valley	1,579
Highway	Devin Bolduc	5,624
	Lance Bolduc	53,977
	Scott Brooks, Sr	40,562
	Michael D'Andrea	8,413
	Ernest Day Sr.	2,868
	Brandon Eldridge	7,913
	James MacDonald	49,633
	John McVitty	18,720
	Robert Smith	67,643
Transfer Station	Justin Brooks	46,142
	George Stone	16,503
Building Inspector	Dave Senecal	7,532
Zoning Officer	Edward Hatfield	1,887
	Leslie Babb	2,415
Office	Holly Brooks	1,463
	Amanda Feuerborn	1,934
	Karen Hatch	56,370
	John Roman	2,744
	Janice Zecher	36,422

Facilities Custodian	Mark McKinley	7,932
PB/FAISC/FAC/FCC	Dianne Park	334
	Stacy Bolduc	1,291
PB/FAISC/FAC/FCC/ZBA	Janice Zecher	727
Fire Department	Joseph Brabant	3,948
	Justin Brooks	12,553
	Daniel Conger	2,105
	Robert Cunio	32,688
	Jonathan Powers	345
	Laurel Roberts	10,631
Health Officer	Frank Evitts	149
Welfare Officer	Tracy Hayes	600
Cemetery	George Boewe, Jr.	1,950

STIPENDS

Fire/Rescue	Tyler Belanger	$1,605
	George Boewe	1,046
	Dan Conger	505
	Sam Conger	1,018
	Rob Cunio	6,960
	Jason Daggett	4,332
	Todd Desmarais	1,443
	Mike Eldridge, Jr	2,922
	Caitlin Gillenwater	1,115
	Dan Jones	105
	Laurel Roberts	1,651
	Timothy Roberts	868
	Eric Seamans	3,116
	Cody Sprouce	100
	Jim Stone	914
	Chris Vittum	2,231
	Kevin Wells	70

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Officer	Salary	Fees	Expenses	Total
Selectmen				
Neal Boyle	6,000			**6,000**
Leslie Babb	6,000			**6,000**
Ernest Day Jr	6,000			**6,000**
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	33,320		1,864	**35,184**
Deputy Town Clerk				
Jean Magnussen	1,268		212	**1,480**
Abigail Hidden	1,230		143	**1,373**
Treasurer				
M. Jayne Britton	3,600		584	**4,184**
Tax Collector				
Ann Babb	6,000	11,169		**17,169**
Deputy Tax Collector				
Susan Hoople	1,452		72	**1,524**
Supervisors of the Checklist				
Daniel Brooks	258			**258**
Patricia McCoy	392			**392**
Carol Stansell	575			**575**
Moderator				
Donald Johnson	210		42	**252**
Trustee of Trust Funds				
Patricia McCoy	50		41	**91**
Anne Cunningham	50			**50**
Paul Olzerowicz	50		115	**165**

VENDORS

Dept	Vendor	Amt
PD	AAA Police Supply	996
FAISC	AB Aquatics	19,181
FD	AccuTemp Services	425
FD	Airgas USA	280
HD	All State Asphalt	66,126
HD	Allied Equipment, LLC	4,222
FD	American Test Center, Inc	400
FD	Arrow International Inc	850
HD	Atco International	428
GG	Aubuchon Hardware	735
GG	Avitar Assoc	7,469
HD	BB Chain	1,554
FD	Barton's Motorsports	403
PD	Ben's Uniforms	215
FD	Bergeron Protective Clothing	4,539
FCC	BH Keith	925
GG	Bluetarp Credit Services	446
HD	Bluetarp Financial, Inc	422
GG	BNI Distribution, Inc	881
FD	Brocktalk Education	900
HD	Brooks, Scott Sr	94,225
HC	Brookside Building	9,850
GG	Business Management	2,354
GG	Care Plus	76,875
GG	CC Registry of Deeds	736
TC	Central Paper	338
HD	Chappell Tractor Sales, Inc	6,871
FD	Cintas Fire Protection	775
HD	CMA Engineers, Inc	5,391
HD	Coleman, A.J. & Son	2,090
HD	Coleman Rental	9,578
FD	Conduent Business Services LLC	2,610
GG	Conway Daily Sun	2,379
PD	Crest Auto World	635
FD/HD	Cross Way Repair	5,869
HD	Crowell's Towing & Repair, Inc	488
GG	Devine, Millimet & Branch	800
GG	Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella	20,028
GG	E.J. Prescott Inc	2,127

Dept	Vendor	Amt
HD	E.W. Sleeper	12,943
HD	Eastman's Welding	856
GG	Eaton's Cleaning & Restoration	493
PD	Elan City, Inc	2,812
FD	Elliott Enterprises, Inc	832
FD	Emergency Medical Products	3,823
GG	Eversource	29,719
GG	FairPoint	6,662
FD	Firematic	97,722
FD	First Responder Grants, LLC	1,300
GG	Flag Shop of VT	652
PD	FNAB	238
GG	Freedom Village Water Precinct	2,600
HD	Gaftek	431
PD	Gall's	432
GG	Garland Waste Services	1,180
GG	Granite State Glass	655
HD	Granite State Minerals	30,670
GG	Green Mountain Conservation	3,000
GG	Greg Colby, CPA	1,725
HD	GW Brooks	60,487
GG	Health Trust	150,599
HD	HEB Engineers, Inc	5,000
FD	Hubbard Consulting, LLC	4,000
TC	Interware Development	5,075
HD	JC Madigan Inc	7,396
GG	Jesse E Lyman	61,630
HD	John E Roberts	20,950
PD	Justin Swift	950
TS	Katahdin Analytical Services	670
CC	Keach-Nordstrom Assoc. Inc	2,582
HD	Kellie Wilcox	880
HD	L & D Safety Marking Corp	15,317
PD	L.E.A.D	569
FD	Lakes Region Fire Apparatus	13,480
GG	Lakeside Security	1,964
HD	Lawson Products, Inc	1,320
FD	Liberty International Trucks	7,851
HD	MacDonald Motors	337

Dept	Vendor	Amt
HD	Maine Oxy	588
HD	Maple Ridge	1,664
FD	McGregor Institute of EMS	725
CC	Meredian Land Services, Inc	1,237
HD	Michle	69,575
GG	Minuteman Press	4,298
HD	Moores Crane Rental Corp	3,729
HD	Morton Salt	30,858
GG	Mt Valley Fab	300
GG	Mt Washington Sewer	495
GG	NAE Automotive & Electric	2,005
GG	Nationwide Employee Benefits	7,467
PD	NE Leeds, FBI	650
HD	Needham Electric	370
FD/PD	New England Embroidery	471
PD	NH Dept of Transportation	547
TS	North Coast Services	4,016
FD/TS	North Country Tractor	1,719
PD	Northern Tire	1,062
HD	Ossipee Aggregates	9,583
GG	Ossipee Auto	5,343
GG	Ossipee Concerned Citizens	1,743
GG	Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	5,909
PD/FD	Ossipee Mountain Electronics	5,340
HD	Owens Leasing Company, LLC	11,162
HD	Palmer Spring Company	1,510
FD	Physio-Control, Inc	1,732
HD	Pike Industries	5,568
TS	Pine Tree Engineering	3,295
TS	Pine Tree Waste	97,073
GG	Pitney Bowes	576
GG	Pope Security	1,162
GG	Porter Office	1,094
GG	Primex	49,962
PD	Profile Motors	6,564
GG	RB Wood & Assoc	30,000
GG	Remote Data Backups	487
GG	Rymes Oil & Propane	726
HD	Scituate Concrete Pipe Corp	8,460

Dept	Vendor	Amt
FAC	Scrub Oak Scramblers	2,200
GG	Signet Electronic Systems Inc	880
GG	Skehan Home Center	1,012
FAISC	Solitude Lake Management	10,419
HD	Southworth-Milton, Inc	34,216
GG	Staples	6,247
GG	Stone Hill Municipal Solutions	412
HD	Stratham Tire Inc	1,212
GG	TD Bank, NA	12,457
HD	Team EJP	12,352
HD	Texas Refinery Corp	935
GG	Time Warner Cable	4,320
PD	TMDE	530
PD	Top Cat Car Wash	269
GG	Treasurer, State of NH	3,336
PD	TriTech Perform Solutions	2,450
HD	UniFirst	6,161
HD	University of New Hampshire	500
GG	USPS	435
GG	Vachon Culkay & Company PC	12,000
GG	Verizon Wireless	1,900
GG	Village Green Lawncare LLC	648
FD	W.S. Darley & Co	902
GG	Welch Landscaping	4,367
GG	White Mountain Oil	3,623
GG	WSB Tech	1,672

CC	Conservation Commission
HD	Highway Department
GG	General Government
FAISC	Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
FD	Fire Department
HS	Historical Society
PD	Police Department
TS	Transfer Station

Freedom Public Library
2017 Annual Report

The library has had another busy and successful year. There are approximately 450 members who borrowed materials in 2017 and we welcomed 126 new members. There were 13,000 visits to the library, virtually identical to 2016. Circulation increased in nearly every area.

The library continues to offer a variety of programs for children, teens and adults. The monthly afterschool program and Pizza & Movie nights during the school year are extremely well attended as are weekly Preschool Storytimes. All the grades from Freedom Elementary make regular visits to the library and every student has a library card. A group of people come to play Mah Jongg twice a week. The library's long-running book club has a devoted following. The 11th annual Winter Film Series – six films followed by a soup supper – continues to be a big hit. The Friends of the Library offered several excellent programs including ones on gardening, the music of WWI, and tiny houses plus a visit from storyteller and humorist Rebecca Rule.

There were 203 people who actively took part in the library's Summer Reading Program for kids, teens and adults, an increase in all age groups over 2016 including an astounding 33% increase among adult participation. Summer programs kept children of all ages engaged.

New in 2017

- We now have a Library Assistant, Amanda Feuerborn, who runs the library when Chris and Elizabeth are away.
- The library's vestibule was completely renovated with donations in memory of Elisabeth Towle.
- The main bathroom was updated using donations given in memory of Bill Fritz.
- Students, teachers and parents can now return library materials in the new book drop located in the school lobby, paid for by the Friends of the Library.
- A popular new graphic novels section was added in the children's room.

- We now have a telescope to loan, thanks to a donation by the Astronomical Society of NH.
- The website www.freedompubliclibrary.org was revamped.
- The library launched an early literacy program, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, which encourages parents to read to their young children.
- Game Night for Adults was a big hit and will become a monthly event in 2018.
- We now have an ongoing Dungeons & Dragons group for teens.
- The library used funds from the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund to have significant tree work completed and for the installation of a mini split system to provide air conditioning in the library's lower level.

One of the most wonderful things about the Freedom Public Library is how rich it is in volunteer and community support. We have a large number of dedicated volunteers who help during all of the library's open hours and put in countless hours on special projects and programs. The support of these volunteers and the extra funds and programming provided by the Friends of the Library help make the library a vibrant and valuable community resource. If you are not already a member, we hope you will come get a library card, and if you are looking for a way to give back to the community, consider becoming a Library or Friends of the Library volunteer!

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Brooks, Chair
Paul Mathieu, Secretary
Laura Robinson, Treasurer
Jayne Britton, Alternate

TOWN REPORT - 2017
FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Assets 1/1/2017	
Checking	$26,764.71
Money Market	$9,053.07
Centennial Fund	$25.00
Trustees Account	$19,272.95
Cayford Fund	$6,698.00
Williams Fund	$19,294.61
Total Assets 12/31/2017	**$81,108.34**
Receipts 2017	
Book Sales	$606.81
CD Interest	$132.22
Conscience Fund	$392.00
Fax & Copier	$918.60
Friends Donations	$8,619.83
Interest Income	$5.26
Unanticipated Gifts	$232.00
Other Income	$2,126.89
Town Appropriation	$82,412.00
Total Receipts 2017	**$95,445.61**
Total Assets + Receipts 2017	**$176,553.95**
Expenditures 2017	
Books	$9,024.94
Computer/Copier	$2,826.64
Dues & Conferences	$1,735.24
Electricity	$3,385.68
Equipment	$335.98
Grounds	$2,044.99
Heat	$1,325.12
Maintenance	$5,082.71
Other Expenses	$595.43
Periodicals	$291.05
Petty Cash	$0.00
Postage	$275.46
Programs	$4,278.87

Building Renovations	$3,090.11
Supplies	$2,601.79
Taxes	$4,130.22
Telephone	$676.06
Wages	$53,989.57
Water	$550.00
Total Expenditures 2017	**$96,239.86**

Assets 12/31/2017	
Checking	$27,238.58
Money Market	$7,784.95
Centennial Fund	$25.00
Trustees Account	$19,272.95
Cayford Fund	$6,698.00
Williams Fund	$19,294.61
Total Assets 12/31/2017	**$80,314.09**
Total Expenditures & Assets	**$176,553.95**

Memorial Funds Held	
Fritz Bequest (MM)	$966.74

FREEDOM FIRE DEPARTMENT

First of all I want to thank the towns folk who graciously approved a new fire truck back in March. As of this writing on January 23rd, the new truck is scheduled to arrive mid February.

In July, the town was awarded a grant for replacement of our air packs. The total purchase price was $96,900.00. The town portion was 5% or $4,566.00. I would like to thank Kevin Wells who works non-stop to find and secure these grants. While on the subject of grants, we also received a 50/50 grant from the state to purchase forest fire fighting equipment. The total for that grant was $1,600.00. The Fire Department will continue to seek out these grants to ease the burden on the taxpayers.

In closing, I would like to thank the department heads and their staff for great team work throughout the year.

A special thanks go to the men and woman who work with me on a daily basis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Brooks
Chief – Freedom Fire & Rescue

2017 FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

STRUCTURE FIRES		0
CHIMNEY FIRES		1
VEHICLE/DECK/DOCK FIRES		3
DUMPSTER FIRES		1
FIRE ALARMS		32
CO ALARMS		11
SMOKE INVESTIGATIONS		9
BRUSH/WOODS FIRE		3
TREE'S/WIRES DOWN		8
MVA WITH INJURY		3
MVA WITH NO INJURY		12
SNOWMOBILE/ATV ACCIDENTS		2
MUTUAL AID FIRES		13
ICE/WATER RESCUE		1
SEVERE WEATHER RESPONSE		1
SERVICE CALLS		22
MEDICAL AID		195
TRANSPORT TO HOSPITAL		144
NOT TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL		65
ALS CARE PROVIDED		22
MEMBER TRANSPORTING WITH AMBULANCE		21
NO MEDICAL RESPONDERS		13
MUTUAL AID RESCUE		4
NO RESPONDERS AVAILABLE		24
DAYTIME CALLS	7a-7p	211
NIGHTIME CALLS	7p-7a	110
DUTY CREW		80
CALLS TO EATON		14
	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	321

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I was sworn in as a part-time patrol officer for the Town of Freedom on October 1, 1998. In other words, this is my twentieth year as an employee for the Town of Freedom and my twelfth as Chief of Police. Many laws have changed since I started and law enforcement in general has changed a great deal. I do my best at trying to stay in tune with the needs of the towns people and tax payers. I want to thank all of you that have allowed me to work here for this long and all the support and letters of thanks that I have received, especially over this past year. I have always tried to listen to anybody and go above and beyond for everybody.

Sergeant Matthew Tyler is the only other full-time employee on the Police Department. I hired Matt in May of 2010 and he has turned out to be a perfect fit for Town and Police Department.

Part-time officers on the Department include James Mullen, Joseph Duchesne, Robert King, Mark Ciarfella and Wayne Valley. These officers are very experienced and do an incredible job for me and the Town.

Jonathan Evans, who worked for me quite a lot over the last several years has finally given up the uniform and moved to a warmer climate. I certainly wish Jon good luck and a happy retirement.

The biggest law enforcement issue the Police Department had deal with this year was speeding complaints. I addressed this by conducting directed patrols in the areas we received the most complaints. I also put the radar trailer in the village area and left it there until fall. The radar trailer is currently being refurbished and should be out and running again by spring. I purchased a radar sign which will be put out on the Ossipee Lake Road this spring.

This year I am asking the Town for a new cruiser. I was able to get another year out of the oldest Tahoe however it cost a great deal for repairs. In a cost saving effort I have taken over the Animal Control Officers position. As always, if your having an animal control issue or a police issue please report it to the Carroll County Communications Center at 539-2284. Somebody is always available 24/7.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Josh L. Shackford

TRANSFER STATION

It was an average year at the Transfer Station.

New for 2017, we started our summer hours one month early and extended them one month later. This was tremendous with alleviating congestion, especially with spring and fall clean ups. Also in 2017, the winter hour mid-week went from Tuesday to Wednesday which also has been working out well.

A special thanks to R.A. Oram who oversees our household haz-mat day.

Thank you to all the department heads and their staff for great team work throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Brooks

Planning Board Submission to the Freedom Town Report

Under New Hampshire state law, the planning board acts on applications for site plan reviews, subdivisions, mergers of lots, and boundary line adjustments. We had three types of applications in 2017.

The board approved three site plan reviews for camps—Camp Huckins, Camp Cody, and Camp Robin Hood. We see two or three camps every year as they continue to improve and expand facilities for their campers. The board approved a four-lot major subdivision in December in the general residential district. We acted on one merger of lots.

The other statutory requirement of planning board to New Hampshire is to work on a master plan. The board is now updating the 2006 plan, using the community survey completed in 2015, to guide its efforts. The vision statement and demographics, housing, land-use, natural resources, and historical resources chapters are complete. The facilities and transportation chapters are underway. The Board of Selectmen have appointed an Advisory Committee on Aging to study ways to help seniors stay in Freedom. If you would like to be involved in the development of the master plan, please contact Janice at the town office (539-6323) and she will pass your name on to the board.

The planning board is proposing two changes to the zoning ordinance, which will be voted on the ballot on March 13, 2018.

1. **Impervious Surfaces on Shorefront Lots**

   This proposal adds language to section 304.6. Shorefront District – Other Requirements regarding impervious surfaces in the shorefront. The intent of adopting this language is to add existing state regulations on impervious surfaces to the Freedom zoning ordinance. The language specifies the actions to manage stormwater a home owner must take depending on the percent of impervious surfaces covering the lots.

   Proposed Ballot Language: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: add section 304.6.7 Impervious Surfaces on Shorefront Lots to article 304? This addition will mirror the state's requirements under RSA 483-B:9 V.(g) regarding the percent of impervious surfaces and stormwater management plan requirements (as published in the 2017-2018 edition of NH Planning and Land Use Regulation). Property owners must already comply with these regulations. This will allow the town of Freedom to protect water resources locally.

   The full text of the section 304.6 is on file at the Town Clerk's office and is available for public inspection during the Clerk's normal business hours.

2. **Small Wind Energy Systems:**

Adopting this language will mirror state requirements while allowing the town to oversee wind energy installations in the town.

Ballot Question: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Add Article 17: Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance that accommodates small wind energy systems in appropriate locations? Adopting this language will mirror state requirements while allowing the town to oversee wind energy installations in the town.

My thanks to the Board!

The town is fortunate to have volunteers who give their time and talents to the Planning Board. I would like to thank Peter Park, the vice chair, who is tireless in his work for the board. I also want to thank members Bill Elliott, Paul Elie, Paul Olzerowicz, and Dale McConkey. Thanks also to our two alternates, Pam Keith and Dann Lewis, and our two recording secretaries, Dianne Park and Stacy Bolduc, who make sense out of our sometimes-rambling conversations. And finally, thanks to Les Babb, the Selectmen's Representative and Ernie Day, the Selectmen's alternate, for their service on the Planning Board this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Cunningham, Chair

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 33 applications in 2017; 22 of those were requests for dimensional variances (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). Nine of the requests for dimensional variances were granted, nine were withdrawn, one was denied, and three were continued to 2018. The Board also heard one application for an appeal from administrative decision. The Board also;

- Granted a special exception to allow Femino Family Investment Trust to cut trees and install erosion control in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Apanel a home occupation.
- Granted a special exception to allow Ms. Monaco to cut trees the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception approving Mr. & Ms. Barbone erosion control plan in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Ms. Panagiotakos to cut trees and install erosion control in the Shore Front District.

Special exceptions are uses that must meet criteria outlined in the zoning code. Two applications were withdrawn from the board and one was continued to 2018.

The Board would like to hear from citizens who may be interested in serving on the board. Please contact a Board member or one of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees Chairman

Freedom Building Inspector

Annual Report 2017

It was a busy year for building and inspections in 2017.

There were 18 new homes totaling $5,474,850 million in value, which is up from years past.

There were 112 permits issued for mechanical/gas/electric/plumbing.

I look forward to serving the people of Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

David A Senecal
Building Inspector

Freedom Conservation Commission
Annual Report 2017

Freedom is a unique community with an abundance of natural resources. It is a priority among residents that these resources are maintained and preserved as the town grows and change occurs.

The Westward Shores litigation continued into 2017. Despite the time and effort of many, especially Paul Elie and Anne Cunningham, the project was approved in May and construction resumed soon after. Hopefully this matter will help raise awareness and concerns for projects this large in the future. Chapter 3 of the Master Plan, Natural Resources, has been updated. This document is an all inclusive study of Freedom's land, soils, waterways, aquifer, conservation lands, wildlife, open space and more.

In September there was a joint meeting with the Selectmen, the FCC and the FAC. Also present were representatives from NH Dept of Natural Resources, NH Fish and Game and Town Forester Barry Keith. Topics regarding the Town Forest discussed included an updated Stewardship Plan, timber harvesting and trapping.

Later in the year, the board heard a presentation from Forrest Bell, in conjunction with Green Mountain CC, on Water Shed Management. His plan covers the conditions of our lakes and ponds, future build out, monitoring and course of action going forward. The board will be discussing this matter further.

Goals for 2018 include the study of the Water Shed Management Plan, looking into Conservation Land Acquisitions, Large Scale Water Extraction laws, training for board members and all other matters that may arise.

I would like to thank the members of the Freedom Conservation Commission Paul Elie (Past Chair), Alice Custard, Cheryl Harris, Sarah Tabor, Sue Hoople (alternate), and our newest members JP McVitty and Frank Lalumiere (alternate) for their time and effort this year. I would also like to thank Rob Hatch for his work with the FAC and the FCC over the years. Finally, thank you to Dianne, Janice, Stacy and Karen for helping to keep the facts straight.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Roman
Chairman

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Once again our town forest has received high marks from the State Department of Cultural and Natural Resources, the agency that oversees the easement which guides the management of our forest. For this many thanks are owed to all of those who have given of their time to serve as volunteers, board members and elected officials. Many thanks as well to our town office staff and our town forester for their efforts, expertise and tutelage.

Maintaining our forest requires effective partnerships and respect for the variety of permitted uses. I would like to draw attention to the efforts of the Scrub Oaks Scramblers snowmobile club. Those of us not active in motor sports also benefit from the trail work and winter parking availability provided by SOS. The club has the organization, equipment and volunteers, without which winter access would be much more limited. As a town forest neighbor, I know that there are many times in the winter when the forest is quiet for those who prefer it that way. If you enjoy winter access consider supporting the club`s efforts.

The 2016 FAC annual report identified the importance of maintaining our twelve wildlife openings: "As logging proceeds decrease in the foreseeable future, alternative funding needs to be explored if these critical forest habitats are to be sustained." Our committee will rekindle efforts to seek sponsorship for wildlife areas. Recognition of benefactors would be made in our annual report. Signage at our three kiosks would indicate the person or group who sponsors each Wildlife Area over a given time. Anyone interested in supporting this effort please contact the FAC .

As spring approaches we encourage forest users to be mindful to not engage in any activity that ruts up the trail during mud season. We also thank all those who leave the parking areas clean and inviting.

Ron Newbury
Forest Advisory Committee

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE (FAISC)

New Hampshire attracts visitors from many areas – both domestic and international – and our lakes and streams are a key attraction. Invasive species are becoming a significant challenge throughout the country and we have not escaped this serious threat to our environment and our economy. Here on the Ossipee Lake system, we are currently focused on variable milfoil – an aquatic invasive plant that is remarkably adaptable. Left unchecked this non-native species will spread dramatically as it has no native competition. Complete eradication is all but impossible so our work deals with minimizing current infestations through active management and employing preventative measures to reduce the risk of new infestations.

Unfortunately, other invasive species are knocking at our door (e.g. in the southern part of New Hampshire) so we must remain vigilant.

Human activity is believed to be the primary mechanism for the spreading of variable milfoil. Therefore, educating all of our water body users is essential to our work. In order to take a more proactive approach to the problem of invasive species, we again applied for and received a Lake Host grant, from New Hampshire Lakes Association, that allowed us to conduct boat inspections and provide education to visitors of Lake Ossipee and its bays. Through the support of Kevin Price, owner of Ossipee Lake Marina, and his general manager Tim Kupka, we were able to conduct 788 boat inspections last summer at this location. Sadly, our paid Lake Host, Nancy Johnson passed away just as the season was about to start. She was truly dedicated to the work and we will miss her.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of our FAISC efforts is being on the lakes and ponds as we:

- Conduct surveys to look for new infestations and to characterize existing milfoil sites.
- Work with contractors as we help them to prioritize the work and ensure local support.
- Respond to calls from citizens who may have identified an invasive species.

We continue to work closely with the milfoil groups of Effingham and Ossipee to communicate what we are doing as well as to learn from their progress. Since several infestations now cross town boundaries, coordination is critical.

Once again in 2016 we took a dual path approach to milfoil control:

- Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) - services provided by AB Aquatics
- Herbicide treatment - services provided by SOLitude

DASH efforts began in the June timeframe and continued through October as we worked a number of areas in Middle Danforth, the channel to Upper Danforth, Upper Danforth (a.k.a. Huckins Pond), the Ossipee River and near the Ossipee Lake Marina. A total of 23.5 days of work was completed.

In June we did a herbicide treatment that included 19.3 acres of Upper Danforth (Huckins Pond).

Feedback from lake abutters has been positive towards all of this work. A number of residents are again able to use their swimming areas due to the significant reduction of variable milfoil.

We were fortunate to receive NHDES grants again this year to supplement out local funding sources. A number of local groups and individuals made contributions to the milfoil gift account of the town. We sincerely thank you for your generosity!

As new areas of infestation are added, we find that the total area that must be managed is increasing over time. This is due to the fact that once an area is infested, ongoing management will be required. In the early years (e.g. 2002) we mitigated an area of about 2 acres while recent treatment areas have been more than 20 acres!

Spending is summarized as follows:

- $17,000. Town budget
- $9,250. Milfoil gift account spend (citizens and businesses)
- $462. Admin.

Total Spend = $26,712.

FAISC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gerard Costantino, Bill Elliott, Bruce Howlett, Ned Kucera (Co-chair), and Jim McElroy (Chair).

TECHNICAL/ADMIN. SUPPORT

We thank the town administrative staff, Karen Hatch, Janice Zecher and Stacy Boldoc who support us with timely and accurate schedules, meeting notes and postings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McElroy, Chairman FAISC

HERITAGE COMMISSION OF FREEDOM, NH
Annual Report for the year 2017

This Commission was established at the March 2009 Town Meeting for the purpose of researching and recording the history of buildings and land features in the Town of Freedom, NH, offering education to the public and responding to all Town's Boards and private organizations and individuals on their questions regarding these matters.

The seven members and five alternates meet five times a year to report, plan and transact formal business of the Commission. Agenda and approved meeting minutes are available on the Town Web Site and in printed form at the Town Office. The public is always welcome at these meetings and to participate in the activities.

The real work is done by members, associates and friends outside of the meetings. We have a list of projects that will take years to accomplish. During 2017 our efforts were focused on:

- Motivate and assisted the Elementary School students to research and issue an Inventory Report of the present school building. They did an outstanding job.

- Began a project to erect informative signs on abandoned school locations in the area. A self-guided tour brochure will be established.

- In September Nadine Miller from the Division of Natural and Cultural Resources and Megan Rupnik, State Survey Coordinator attended the Commission meeting to meet the members and exchange ideas. The subject of demolition policy was discussed. Ms. Rupnik visited again in November for a tour of the Town. She also shared information about inventorying historic structures by one-page forms.

- On the first Sunday afternoon of OHW our president, Alan Fall presented a visual history of the where, how and why roads were established in Freedom and surrounding areas. This presentation is available on DVD disk.

- In cooperation with the Historical Society Alan conducted a very successful tour of Watson Hill Road area. Many stories of original residents were told.

- The Commission applied for and received a $10,000 Moose Plate Grant from the Division of Historical Resources to renovate the Roller Shed. The project was completed in May 2017.

  In October Alan Fall met with Selectmen to request that in case of proposed demolition of Freedom structures the Heritage Commission be notified so that photos and documents can be made before it is gone. The BOS agreed.

  A chapter on Historical Resources in Freedom was submitted and accepted by the Planning Board for inclusion in the updated master plan.

Members and alternates contributed 940 hours to the accomplishment of Commission business in 2017.

Sincerely,

Alan Fall - Chairperson	Ernie Day Jr. – Member and SB Rep.
Gale Morris - Vice-Chairperson	Raymond Dahlstrom, Alternate
Bob Smart - Secretary/Treasurer	Lee Fritz, Alternate
Bonnie Burroughs, Member	Phil Griffin, Alternate
Scott Cunningham, Member	Maureen Elliott, Alternate
Peg Scully, Member	(open), Alternate

ROAD AGENT REPORT

2017 NOTES:

- We had an average winter. January, February, and December were very snowy months, with freezing rain events mixed in throughout the winter season. February and March had very cold days.
- Posted weight limit signs 2-27-17
- Snow equipment cleaned 4-7-17 and 4-10-17
- Wind Storm Damage – Trees on power lines, cut back so passible, Loon Lake, Huckins, Pequawket Trail, Ossipee Lake, West Danforth, Pauli Point Rd, and Haverhill St.

IMPROVEMENTS:

- Bicycle symbols painted in the bike path on Ossipee Lake Rd
- Stop bars painted
- Roadside Mowing – Scarboro, Moulton, Swett Hill, Rice Hill, Cold Brook, Youngs Hill, Perry, Watson Hill, Burnham, Loon Lake, Round Pond, Freedom Point, Bennett, West Danforth, Mudgett, Haverhill St, Pauli Point, Huckins, Pequawket Trail, and Babcock Rd
- Ditch Restoration – Scarboro, Youngs Hill, Swett Hill, Huckins and Haverhill St
- Sand Sealed – West Bay, Sherwood Forest, Chick Dr, Stoddard Ln, East Danforth, Fife & Drum, Scarboro, Marina, Haverhill St apron, Huckins "portion of", and Old Stagecoach Rd entrance

NEW OR REPLACED CULVERTS:

- Loon Lake Rd – Culvert extended 60 feet
- Huckins Rd – Installed 2 dropped inlets and 120 feet of culvert
- Scarboro Rd – 2 Cross pipe
- Fife & Drum Rd – 5 Cross pipe
- Moulton Rd – 3 Cross pipe

- Sweet Hill Rd – 9 Cross pipe

NEW FABRICATIONS:

- Screen for One Ton sander

BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Replaced yard light on south end of garage
- Replaced lights in kitchen and office to LED

Thank you to all department heads, fire and police departments for their willingness to help meet the many challenges presented this past year. Quality workman ship and safety are always at the forefront, a great job well done as always guys!

Respectfully Submitted
Scott N Brooks Sr.
Road Agent

Freedom Old Home Week

This year was the 119th celebration of Freedom Old Home Week, from Friday evening July 28, through Sunday, August 6. The theme for 2017 was "Living and Growing in Freedom". The tee shirt design was a digital creation by Freedom's Ned Kucera. The image was centered around a large tree with solid roots and silhouettes of a family. The artist's signature was the image of a large dog, per his request. Ned's parents learned about Freedom through the Rhode Island pipeline and first built a place here in 1962. It was a small summer cabin on Loon Lake that he still has today, although it is not a cabin anymore. The Committee also chose to have an additional shirt, which captured the spirit of our theme. Lisa Wheeler created a shirt with various root vegetables, each donning a letter to spell out "FREEDOM", and titled "Rooted in Freedom". Limited sizes of Tee Shirts and Sweatshirts are currently available on our website https://freedomoldhomeweek.net/store/.

This year's collectible tile was designed by Freedom's Terri Brooks. Terri is an award-winning painter who has had a lifelong interest in the visual arts. The beautiful Mt. Washington Valley Region of New Hampshire provides Terri with inspiration to paint just as it has inspired many artists before her. The design was of The Libby Homestead. Established at 301 Cushing Corner Road, Freedom NH in 1890. In celebration of the birth of their son Kenneth in 1913, a maple tree was planted in the front yard. To this day, it is the most photographed tree in Freedom when its leaves turn a brilliant red in the Fall. The drawing by Terri Brooks, has captured Freedom Old Home Week's 2017 theme, "Rooted and Growing in Freedom".

Rubber Ducky Day, under the direction and management of FOHW Committee member Ned Kucera, held the last Saturday in June, was our big event to raise money for all of the Old Home Week activities. Merchandise displaying our theme was first made available for sale on Ducky Day. The duck tee shirt returned, as well as bandanas for our canine and feline residents The day was filled with fun activities and

happenings all over town, at the library, church and store, to augment the party. The ever popular hay wagon rides and rides on Freedom's vintage fire truck were packed all day. The Mason's cooked up food for all to enjoy while waiting for the ducks to start racing over the falls. And for the children we had fun games and prizes while waiting for the big race. Of course our duck, "SPLASHY" who was named by a Freedom Elementary Student, came back to town for the event and is now part of a lot of selfies! Ticket sales were brisk up right up to race time! During the race, the bridge was packed with spectators cheering on their ducks. As there hadn't been a lot of rain and the Mill Pond level was low, the duck herder used a leaf blower to urge the ducks towards the falls.

Freedom's tradition of having the lawn party at the Freedom Gallery continued as the current owner, Barbara McEvoy, shared her artwork as well as many other works by Freedom artists and photographers in her barn's gallery. The lawn party kicked off the week with Becky Riley on the keyboard. The crowd was entertained with all sorts of food choices and the opportunity to meet up with a lot of new residents and visitors as well as old friends. And everyone got to congratulate the Grand Marshall for this year's parade, Peg Scully. The prime criteria for the Freedom Old Home Week Grand Marshall is overall volunteerism throughout Freedom. Peg has been a consistent volunteer in many capacities for various organizations over 30 years. Most of all, images of Freedom will be available for all to cherish for many years because of Peg's art work. Eighteen of these images have been on Freedom Old Home Week shirts and tiles. As people enter Freedom, a Freedom Village image painted by Peg welcomes them to our town. We thank Peg for being part of Freedom, for all she has done and for contributing to its everlasting memories through her artistic visions.

Parade Day's weather was picture perfect, and everyone came out as the route was packed with people listening to all of their favorite returning bands and cheering on floats, the Church's music camp, a tribute to Robin Sargent, family floats, Spyder motorcycles, Clowns, children on decorated bikes, antique cars, motorcycles, and trucks, the Shriner's log rollers and fire equipment from Freedom and area towns. And the

winners were: Judges' Grand Prize: Cunningham Family: 100 Years in Freedom. Their float and family epitomized our 2017 theme "Rooted and Growing in Freedom". Best Band or Musical Group: Bluff Point Quahog Clam Diggers Fife & Drum; Best Local Organization/Club/Business: Kora Log Rollers; Best Family Float/Group: Carl Bloomquist; Best Antique Vehicle: Jack Leader / 1924 Model T; Best Classic Vehicle: Mazda Miata; Best Camp Float/Group: Camp Calumet; Best Individual or Neighborhood Group: Josh Battles; Best Unique Entry: "Clowns In A Thing", which made the front page of the Conway Daily Sun; Best in Spirit: "Biking Kids". We especially thank the local camps for being part of our parade this year. They contributed an uplifting spirit that was truly infectious !

The rest of the week continued with all of our events including a Pig Roast sponsored by Rob Hatch, with proceeds going to the Freedom Food Pantry, "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" presented by the First Christian Church Music Camp, Library Programs, Paint Night, Watson Hill Historical Walk, Mountain and Town Forest hikes, land sports, family bingo, ping pong, ice cream social, contra dance, 41st Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, 5K road race, Ted Acton Memorial Tennis Tournament, talent show, and Firefighter's lobster and chicken barbecue. The week was captured in many pictures and published on our Facebook Page (Freedom Old Home Week) and website, which are still available for viewing. For all results of competitions please visit https://freedomoldhomeweek.net/event-results/2017-event-results/

We would like to thank all of the alliances that are in place throughout the community for their support of Old Home Week by presenting all the events that are not run by the Old Home Week Committee. Notably, the Freedom Library and Friends of the Library for their many popular programs; book and bake sales and raffle; the Pig Roast run by Rob Hatch; First Christian Church for their welcome home continental breakfast and music camp performance as well as the blessing of the animals and quilt, bake sales, luncheon at the craft fair, and closing Church service; the Masons for providing and serving ice cream at the social, as well as during Ducky Day; the South Eaton Meeting House for

their faire and luncheon; Freedom Eagles PTA for running the family bingo event; Freedom Village Store for providing food on parade day; Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee for hike and tour leaders; Freedom's Historical Society for their open house; Lakeview Cemetery Association for providing goodies at the parade and the talent show; Freedom Community Club for running the craft fair; and Freedom Fire Department for producing the lobster and chicken barbecue. Thank you to Camp Calumet for running the land sports event as well as providing invaluable service to the parade and 5K road race.

We would like to thank the Town of Freedom for their financial support and all the local sponsors who support our programs. Notably, we would like to thank those local businesses that financially support the 5K road race event; James C. Farinella Building & Remodeling, Gerard Costantino Real Estate, Paul Wheeler of RE/MAX Presidential Real Estate, Cormack Construction Management, Inc. and Steve Boyson of Boyson Construction. And thanks to all the Old Home Week committee members, all the many event volunteers, landowners and vehicle owners, police and fire departments, town officials and Freedom's residents and visitors who made this event a success, while preserving Freedom's history of the spirit of an Old Home Week celebration.

Refer to our website, freedomoldhomeweek.net, and our Facebook page, Freedom Old Home Week, for announcements regarding all of the 2018 events. Rubber Ducky Day is scheduled for June 30, 2018 and the 120th Freedom Old Home Week will run from August 3 to August 12, 2018. Parade day will be Saturday, August 4, 2018 and the 5K Race is Saturday, August 11, 2018..

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Griffin, Chairperson, Old Home Week Committee 2017. Old Home Week Committee Members and those individuals without whom we could not have a successful event: Lauren Stoddard and Susan Marks (Co-Chairs), Janet Meyers (Treasurer), Kim Reis (Web Master, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer), Shana Aisenberg, Vinny Beedle, Nancy Bossi,

Gail Bizer, Lisa Charette, Cindy Clancy, Bonnie and Paul Elie, Scott and Laura Emond, Eileen Daggert, Bill Elliott, Alan Fall, Michael Gaudette, Marilyn Goodwin, Rob Hatch, John Immediato, Gale Johnsen, Hillary Johnson, Larry Johnson Ned Kucera, Patti and Biff Manhard, Roberta McCarthy, Barbara McEvoy, Mark McKinley, Patrick Miele, Jennifer Molin, Jack Monteiro, Karl Ogren, Knute Ogren, Kim Reis, Elizabeth Rhymer, Judy Robertson, Marcia Santner, Pete Schiller, Ellie Stokes, Erika Stokke, Sarah Tabor, Brian Taylor, Diana and Steve Thurston, Paul Tung, Diana Wagner and Nancy and Pastor Larry Wogman.

OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY'S REPORT 2017

The following is a report of the expenses of the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority for the year 2017. Figures for the split between the two towns are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These are furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A. in the town comparison.

Expenditures for Ossipee Dam Authority in 2017 **$13,935.23** Equalization

Assessment Value

Ossipee:	$680,289,380	57.8% of $13,935.23 = **$8,054.56**
Freedom:	$495,962,022	42.2.% of $14,035.19 = **$5,880.67**

The figures are revised each year according to the NH Equalization Assessment Value in order to bring the deficit of the past year up to the beginning balance of the coming year. Based on 2016 comparison from State of NH, D.R.A

The following is the list of 2017 expenses for the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority.

Eversource	$211.95
Post Office Box	48.00
FairPoint	509.28
Fee for new bank checks	23.00
John Picard: Chairman (Salary)	5,000.00
Snow Removal	650.00
D.E.S. Bear Camp Gage	7,493.00
Total Expenses October 2016-September2017	**$13,935.23**

Submitted by

Roberta MacCarthy
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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2017

				PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	COMMON TRUST:										
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1919	Nancy Burns	All	All	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1922	Lord & Fowler			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1922	Eliza A Alley			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1924	Ina E Foss			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1924	Metcalf & Cushing			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1924	M C & Stephen Allard			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.52	0.52	0.00	150.00
1924	Edward H Nason			210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	0.72	0.72	0.00	210.00
1925	A R & Lilla Bennett			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1927	F W Towle			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1.72	1.72	0.00	500.00
1927	Parsons Yard			700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	2.40	2.40	0.00	700.00
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1.72	1.72	0.00	500.00
1928	John W Smith			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1928	Jennie Meserve			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1932	James Wood			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1935	George W Chase			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1937	Joseph H Corson			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.17	0.17	0.00	50.00
1937	Hulda J Downing			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1938	Godfrey Fund			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1939	Frank P Corson			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1939	Howard B Moulton			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1940	Ellen Mitchel			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1941	Stevens,Sweetser,Marston,Harmon			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	1.55	1.55	0.00	450.00
	TOTAL			**4,560.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**4,560.00**	**15.66**	**15.66**	**0.00**	**4,560.00**

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	COMMON TRUST:										
1943	Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1948	Jessie S Allard	All	All	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1952	Minnie R Towle			112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	0.38	0.38	0.00	112.00
1952	John J Giles			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1953	Carrie B Moses			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1957	Minnie A Eastman			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1958	Elsie M Thurston			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1958	Ernest A Leavitt			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1958	Moulton Cemetery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1959	George & Alfreda Hayes			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1960	Chester H Drake			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1.72	1.72	0.00	500.00
1963	Emelie P Holmgren			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1963	Charles H Watts			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	1.55	1.55	0.00	450.00
1963	Nelson C Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1965	Cutting Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1965	Andrews Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1966	Lord Cemetery			2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	6.87	6.87	0.00	2,000.00
1966	Florence Seymore			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1.72	1.72	0.00	500.00
1968	John Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1968	John C & Marie Lee			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL			**10,622.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**10,622.00**	**36.49**	**36.49**	**0.00**	**10,622.00**

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2017

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	COMMON TRUST:										
1969	Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	CD	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.52	0.52	0.00	150.00
1969	Drake Lot	All	All	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	1.03	1.03	0.00	300.00
1972	Lord Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1976	Charles Bryant Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1977	David Smith Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1988	Gordon D Stokes			800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	2.75	2.75	0.00	800.00
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.69	0.69	0.00	200.00
1988	Abe Sargent			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1988	Frederick & Elisabeth Towle			300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	1.03	1.03	0.00	300.00
1988	Mary S Morrison			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1989	William A & Sally Stoops			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
1989	David Sargent			40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.14	0.14	0.00	40.00
1999	Town Cemetery Fund			1,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	6.32	6.32	0.00	1,841.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS			15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	53.77	53.77	0.00	15,653.00
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	CD	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	3.45	3.45	0.00	1,000.00
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.34	0.34	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	3.79	3.79	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			**16,753.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**	**57.56**	**57.56**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH

December 31, 2017

DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	GENERAL FUNDS:										
	Expendable Trust Funds:										
2001	School District	Special Education	CD	200,841.17	0.00	0.00	200,841.17	689.80	0.00	689.80	201,530.97
2002	Town	Road Right of way	CD	5,983.89	0.00	0.00	5,983.89	20.56	0.00	20.56	6,004.45
2006	Town	Removal of Milfoil	CD	6,112.49	0.00	0.00	6,112.49	21.00	0.00	21.00	6,133.49
2009	Public Library	Maint Bldg & Equip	CD	10,091.19	2,500.00	6,730.55	5,860.64	35.66	0.00	35.66	5,896.30
2015	School	Tuition Stabilization	CD	250,418.49	0.00	0.00	250,418.49	860.07		860.07	251,278.56
2016	Town	Employee Health Costs	CD	1,000.06	0.00	1,000.06	0.00	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS			**474,447.29**	**2,500.00**	**7,730.61**	**469,216.68**	**1,627.69**	**0.60**	**1,627.09**	**470,843.77**
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:										
1996	School District	Bus	CD	250,091.96	0.00	0.00	250,091.96	20,869.91	0.00	20,869.91	270,961.87
1996	Highway Department	Equipment	CD	42,306.12	10,000.00	0.00	52,306.12	150.79	0.00	150.79	52,456.91
2002	Fire Department	Equipment	CD	41,350.86	0.00	4,566.00	36,784.86	141.53	0.00	141.53	36,926.39
2006	Town	New Muni Bldg/Land	CD	79,974.96	12,000.00	0.00	91,974.96	281.26	0.00	281.26	92,256.22
2007	Transfer Station	Equipment	CD	9,765.32	11,000.00	0.00	20,765.32	39.81	0.00	39.81	20,805.13
2009	School District	Building Maintenance	CD	147,232.25	50,000.00	80,400.00	116,832.25	464.78	0.00	464.78	117,297.03
2011	Police Dept	Equipment	CD	10,344.32	10,000.00	0.00	20,344.32	41.55	0.00	41.55	20,385.87
2011	Town Hall & Town Office	Maintenance	CD	20,338.10	0.00	0.00	20,338.10	69.86	0.00	69.86	20,407.96
2012	Highway Department	Drainage	CD	31,206.94	10,000.00	0.00	41,206.94	112.66	0.00	112.66	41,319.60
2014	School	Technology	CD	50,219.10	0.00	0.00	50,219.10	172.48	0.00	172.48	50,391.58
2014	Freedom Water Precinct	Water Syst Repair	CD	13,486.57	8,233.00	0.00	21,719.57	73.28	0.00	73.28	21,792.85
2015	Town Infrastructure	Road/Bridge Repair	CD	250,579.63	0.00	0.00	250,579.63	860.62	0.00	860.62	251,440.25
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			**946,896.13**	**111,233.00**	**84,966.00**	**973,163.13**	**23,278.53**	**0.00**	**23,278.53**	**996,441.66**
	TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS			**########**	**113,733.00**	**92,696.61**	**########**	**24,963.78**	**58.16**	**24,905.62**	**1,484,038.43**

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2017

DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL GAINS OR (LOSSES)	PRINCIPAL BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
TD Bank	Cem P/C	CD	15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	53.77	53.77	0.00	15,653.00
TD Bank	Library	CD	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	3.79	3.79	0.00	1,100.00
TOTALS			16,753.00	0.00	0.00	16,753.00	57.56	57.56	0.00	16,753.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place Birth
03-22-17	Towle, Mabel Mae	Towle, Jacob	Snow, Allyson	N. Conway
03-25-17	Moore, Reece Edward	Moore, Randal	Moore, Alexandra	N. Conway
08-03-17	Jones, Thomas Arnold	Jones, Stephen II	Jones, Kathryn	N. Conway
09-19-17	Conger II, Daniel Scott	Conger, Samuel	Conger, Abigail	Rochester
12/01/2017	Smith, Levi Paul Arthur	Smith, Nicholas	Smith, Natasha	N. Conway

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
02-04-17	Portland	Merrill, Thomas K.	Merrill, Carl L.	Meason, Helen
02-09-17	N. Conway	Davis, Lucille	Holland, George	Gilpatrick, Celia
02-18-17	N. Conway	Bouve Jr., Howard	Bouve Sr., Howard	Little, Inga
03-30-17	Freedom	Giles, Linnie	Watson, Melvin	Eastman, Blanche
04-04-17	Eaton	Janvrin, Noelle	--	Janvrin, Cynthia
05-16-17	N. Conway	Cunio, Frank	Cunio, Joseph	Greeley, Alice
06-21-17	Freedom	Lafortune, Robert	Lafortune, George	Stone, Marie
07-01-17	Freedom	Sylvia, Frank	Sylvia, Frank	Silva, Mary
07-08-17	N. Conway	Sargent, Priscilla	Chick, George	Shaw, Bertha
07-19-17	Boston	Leader, John H.	Leader, Charles	Hunt, Mildred
07-25-17	Freedom	Hatfield, Edward	Hatfield, Willis	Langthorn, Elizabeth
09-07-17	Freedom	Strott Jr., Albert	Strott Sr., Albert	Gilmore, Margaret
09-23-17	Freedom	Nason, William	Nason, Jesse	Conefey, Mary
10-12-17	N. Conway	Sims, Marcus	Sims, James	Miller, Anna
11-04-17	Portsmouth	Anderson, Donald	Anderson, Alden	Pearson, Astrid
11-04-17	N. Conway	Anderson, Louise	Lundin, Roy	Baker, Doretta
11-05-17	Portsmouth	Eastman, Carolyn	O'Neal, John	Greek, Thelma
11-11-17	Wolfeboro	Conway, Gerard	Conway, Timothy	Murey, Helen
11-30-17	Wolfeboro	Godfrey, Albert	Godfrey, John	Cole, Lillian
12-13-17	Wolfeboro	Luke, Thomas	Luke, Edward	Banlow, Alice
12-29-17	Freedom	Donaldson, Dorothy M.	Speckman, Robert	Sheppard, Violet

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED
THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Person A and Person B	Residence at time of marriage
02-18-17	Noullet, Kristofer D.	Freedom
	Ellis, Therese D.	Freedom
06-03-17	Boewe, Brandon N.	Freedom
	Robak, Rayanna L.	Canterbury
06-24-17	Jacobs, Megan A.	Washington DC
	Brown, Patrick D.	Washington DC
07-14-17	Eldridge, Denise E.	Freedom
	MacDonald, James S.	Freedom
08-26-17	Silvestrone, Nicholas A.	Freedom
	Parrington, Kelly J.	Freedom
09-09-17	Meenan, Joan E.	Derry
	Lagassey, Shawn M.	Derry
09-16-17	Blanchard, Rachel A.	Freedom
	Anderson, Timothy W.	Freedom

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Resident: Yes/No (circle one) Registered Voter: Yes/No(circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee? _____

Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with:_____

_____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute? _____

_____

(Please use back or additional sheet, if necessary)

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:

Freedom Board of Selectmen

PO Box 227 Freedom, NH 03836

SELECTMEN
Leslie Babb, Chairman
Ernest Day, Jr.
Neal Boyle
Hours:
Monday 6:30 pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thurs 8am to 3pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK
A. Elizabeth Priebe
Office Hours:
Monday Evenings 6:30 to 8pm
Tuesday 12 noon to 8pm
Wednesday 9am to 3pm & 6:30 to 8pm
Saturday 9am to 12 noon
Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR
Annette Babb
Office Hours: Dec-Mar
Monday 11am – 1pm
Wednesday 11 am – 1 pm
Saturday 9am – 12pm
Telephone: 539-5572

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Don Harris
Office Hours:
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BUILDING CODE OFFICER
Dave Senecal
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am – 2pm
Telephone: 539-6323
Cell: 387-0866

Meeting times and office hours are subject to change.

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
Memorial Day 05/28/18
July 4 07/04/18
Labor Day 09/03/18
Columbus Day 10/08/18
Thanksgiving Day 11/22/18
Christmas 12/25/18
New Years 01/01/19
Civil Rights Day 01/21/19
Presidents Day 02/18/19

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR'S HOLIDAY & ELECTION DAY CLOSINGS
Town Meeting 03/13/18
Memorial Day Weekend
05/26/18 & 5/28/18
July 4th 07/04/18
Old Home Day 08/04/18
Labor Day Weekend
09/01/18 & 09/03/18
Columbus Day Weekend
10/06/18 & 10/08/18
Christmas
12/22/18, 12/24/18, 12/25/18
New Years
12/31/18, 01/01/19
Civil Rights Day 01/21/19
President's Day 02/18/19
Town Meeting 03/12/19

TRANSFER/RECYCLING FACILITY
Winter Hours:
Begin last Sunday in September
Wed. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm
Sunday 9am to 4pm
Summer Hours:
Begin first Saturday in May
Tues., Thurs., Sat. & Sunday
8am to 5pm
Telephone: 539-5364